

**Monthly Prayer Letter**

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

***Lord of comfort, healing and peace,***

* We pray for all who are struggling to cope, those affected by the breakdown of family relationships, domestic abuse and poverty ***.***

We pray for all who are battling with addiction, or are suffering from any form of physical, emotional or spiritual oppression;

***Lord of all hope, give them strength, courage and healing.***

* Loving God, we ask for your blessing on all caregivers, those who give time and skills to bring hope and healing, at home, in hospitals, Care Homes and hospices.

Lord Jesus, we especially pray for all those on our Prayer Tree, those named in our service intercessions – including Anne and Ian, Alison, Leah, John, those in our community who are ill and those we know personally who are suffering at this time.

***We pray for all who are mourning the loss of a loved one***:

***Lord God, we pray for Your comfort and peace for all those who grieve and give us the wisdom to know how to minister to them. Heavenly Father please bless our Bereavement ministry and***

***the group that meets on Fridays in St Thomas’.***

29th September – a special prayer/collect for the week:

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth

and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in

the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***"The Lord bless you and keep you.***

***The Lord make His face shine upon you***

***and be gracious to you.***

***The Lord turn His face to you and give you His peace."***

*Numbers 6: 24-26*

**Sundays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th September**

**in this season of Ordinary Time**

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“I the LORD do not change….” Malachi 3 v 6a

15th September – a special prayer/collect for the week:

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:

open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with

reverence and know your peace at our lives’ end,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Opening from Common Worship*:

The love of God has been poured into our hearts,

through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us:

we dwell in him and he lives in us. So let us pray……..

**PRAYER TREE REQUESTS -**  please get in touch with John Smith, on 01253 347164 or 07757 968574.

***Lord hear us as we pray,***

* For our church leaders in Lancashire. We especially pray, dear Lord, for Bishops Philip, Jill and Joe, give them vision and wisdom as they lead Your people in this Diocese.
* For the leaders of St Thomas’ Church and their families**,** for our Vicar Dave, for L J and for David in his Associated Ministry with us. For Steve in his work as Diocesan Parish Renewal Lead.

For Steve and Lisa in their work with Life Association in India.

* For members of our Parochial Church Council (PCC) and all the officers of our church including Nicola our Church Warden
* For our LLM’s and ALM’s and those who have a ministry with the sick, the homeless and housebound.
* For all those who work throughout the week in the various teams that support the ministry and mission of St Thomas’ Church.
* For Marlis in her missionary work overseas.
* For ourselves as we tell others about Jesus and what He has done in our lives.

1st September – alternate collect/special prayer for the week:

Merciful God, your Son came to save us

and bore our sins on the cross:

may we trust in your mercy and know your love,

rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we pray for the world, the fellowship of believers, our witness to the Gospel, those in need and for ourselves and all those we love…….

***Lord hear us as we pray,***

***For all suffering through the ongoing conflict in Gaza, Israel, Palestine and other parts of the Middle East:*** for all the innocent and vulnerable; those badly wounded and those who have lost their loved ones. We continue to pray for a ceasefire and that Jesus, the Prince of peace will bring about His lasting peace in that region.

***For all those who have been and continue to be affected by war in and around Ukraine:*** Lord bring a lasting and just peace, enable the rebuilding of Ukraine, and reconciliation between the people of Ukraine and their Russian neighbours

***Father God****,*

We pray that the leaders of all nations come to know the truth and turn to You and work for the peace and security of our troubled and endangered world which you gave us to be stewards over for this and all generations which may follow us. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

22nd September – a special prayer/collect for the week:

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:

deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties

with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Psalm 121 (The Message version of the Bible)  
1-2**I look up to the mountains;  
    does my strength come from mountains?  
No, my strength comes from God,  
    who made heaven, and earth, and mountains.

8th September – a special prayer/collect for the week:

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching

and give to your people knowledge of your truth,

that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.