



Prayer for October

‘Praise the Lord, O my soul: all my inmost being praise His Holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.’... Psalm 103:1-5 encourages us with every fibre of our being to praise God. Let us not forget that all we are and all we have is because of His Grace and love for us. Let us give Him our praise and love.

We pray for the teaching from Romans over the next weeks to speak to each of us. May the Holy Spirit be with those preaching and those listening.....that the words change us all. ‘The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.’ Hebrews 4:12

We ask the Lord to be with Emily, Lucy, Niamh, Rose and Sarah as they start the next chapter of their lives at University. We ask that He watch over them and guide them through this venture. Keep them safe and enable them to make the most of their courses.

Let’s give thanks for the life of the Church, for all the people who pass through by attending services, events or who just come in off the street. We pray that Jesus will meet with each and every one of them in the place of their need.....whether joyful, sad or curious.

Lift up to the Lord all those in our community who are vulnerable. We pray especially for those in the town centre during the late evenings...we ask that the Street Pastors may continue to be a blessing to those in need, that their work may be fruitful. May they know the Lord's protection as they go about His work in challenging situations. We thank the Lord for their dedication and commitment.

We pray also for Maidstone and the surrounding villages as drug gangs from the large cities target the weak and vulnerable in County lines. Let us beseech God to protect our young people. We pray that the police will have wisdom in fighting this battle, that the perpetrators will be caught.

We pray for our country in the turmoil and animosity caused by Brexit negotiations, asking for wisdom and strength for all those in Government especially those who put Jesus at the centre of their lives, that their voices may be heard. May we, as a nation, return to those Christian values upon which our laws are based. Let us beg God not to take His hand from our country and leave us to the fate we deserve.

Finally, we ask the Lord to be with the people of Sulawesi in Indonesia as they try to deal with the aftermath of the earthquake and Tsunami. We pray for the Christian minority, that they will be able to be a source of hope, peace and comfort in the midst of all the chaos and suffering. We ask God to bless and to keep safe all those who are giving aid. Please also ask for strength for the families of those killed and missing when their Bible camp was buried. 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in time of trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though it's waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging' Psalm 46:1-3.

