

Prayer Calendar 23rd-29th November

Opening prayer:

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Loving God,
at this time of crisis
when so many are suffering,
we pray for our nation and our world.
Give our leaders wisdom,
our Health Service strength,
our people hope.
Lead us through these parched and difficult days
to the fresh springs of joy and comfort
that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus:

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Closing Prayer

Visit this place, O Lord we pray,
And drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
May your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,
And may your blessing be always upon us;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Monday 23rd November

Psalm 80

Matthew 9.18-34

We give God thanks for the sacrifice and commitment of teachers and all those involved in serving children and young people in education. We pray that all might be nurtured and cared for and that every needful resource would be made available – that all lives can flourish even in these difficult times and that no-one would be overlooked.

We pray for our local schools including:

Eskdale Academy

Jesmond Gardens Primary

Eldon Grove Primary

We pray for Jess from the Communities of Hope Team as she works with local schools.

We Pray for streets in our Parishes including:
Oakland and Ventnor Avenue, The Meadow
Blackton Road, Kielder Road, Chester Road
Goodwin Walk, Fastnet Court, Chandlers Close

We pray for the Green Schools programme run by the Church of South India and all the young people being taught how to be good stewards of the environment through it. (USPG)

Tuesday 24th November

Psalm 99

Matthew 9.35-10.15

We echo God's commitment to those most at risk of this virus by praying today for those who are particularly vulnerable and isolated: praying for their deliverance, protection and comfort. We hold before God those who care for them – that they would be strengthened and encouraged in this work.

We pray for people we know who are vulnerable and isolated and our Pastoral Care and Communities of Hope teams.

We pray for our local Nursing homes including:
Sheraton Court
Brierton Lodge
Westview Lodge

We pray for Streets in our parishes including:
Shrewsbury Street, Westbourne Road, Redcar Close,
Fellston Close, Dunston Road, Everett St.
Westbrooke and Southbrooke Avenue, Waverley Terrace.

Christians are among thousands of people tragically killed in six weeks' fighting between Azerbaijan and Armenia over the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh. Many Christians in Azerbaijan from Muslim backgrounds have been killed. In Armenia, Orthodox and Protestant Christians have been killed, as have believers from Yezidi backgrounds. Several churches in the two countries have been bombed and seriously damaged. There is also concern that 1,600 historic Armenian Christian monuments, chapels and artefacts in areas now held by Azeri soldiers and Syrian Islamic militants will

Please pray:

That grieving and hurting believers will truly know the 'God of all comfort' (2 Corinthians 1:3) at this tremendously difficult time

For permanent peace between the two nations, and that Christians will be models of grace, forgiveness and joy who powerfully impact their communities

For the preservation of the rich Christian heritage in the disputed region.

(Open Doors)

Wednesday 25th November

Psalm 121

Matthew 10.16-33

We pray for Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing.

In this time of great challenge, we pray for the economic wellbeing of the country. We remember before God those who face great uncertainty in their work. We lift before God those who have lost their jobs and face an uncertain and difficult future. We pray for a renewed commitment to our common life together.

We pray for those who work in the businesses on Oxford Road, Elwick Road and Park Road.

We pray for streets in our parishes including:

Wordsworth Avenue, Taybrooke Avenue, Swalebrooke Avenue.

Northland, Southland and Eastland Avenues.

Percy Street, Elmwood Road, Hart Lane.

We pray for fair trade charities and organisations such as Traidcraft, that they would receive the support they need for their producers in spite of the current Covid pandemic.

Thursday 26th November

Psalm 131

Matthew 10.34-11.1

The NHS and other key workers

Our God is the great healer – and the agent used more than any other is the NHS. Today we voice our gratitude for those who serve this country in the National Health Service and pray for that God would prosper the work of their hands – that they would all be encouraged in their continued work of sacrifice and care amongst us.

We pray for all Hartlepool GP practices, Midwives, Health visitors and pregnant women.

We pray for streets in our parishes including:

Thornhill, Ryehill and Birchill Gardens.

Trentbrooke, Tynebrooke and Teesbrooke Avenues.

Ensign and Schooner Court, Marske Street.

The World Health Organisation reports half a million women die every year during pregnancy, delivery or shortly thereafter. There are 'substantial inequalities in professional delivery care' due to accessibility and availability. We pray for practical and acceptable solutions to be found in each country and community where delivery care is insufficient, to improve the survival of pregnant mothers and their children.

Friday 27th November

Psalm 77

Matthew 8.23-end

National and local government.

We pray for in positions of authority with responsibility for decision making at national and local level at this difficult time. We ask that God would give great wisdom, deep commitment to all and right judgment.

We pray for our Police and Community Support Officers, for protection, wisdom and discernment.

We pray for streets in our parishes including:
Elwick Road, Southburn Terrace, Studley Road.
Stephen, Suggitt and Harcourt Streets.
Macaulay, Dryden and Swinburne Roads.

We pray for failed asylum seekers who are at risk of eviction by the Home Office and homelessness during the pandemic. We pray for compassionate policy making and treatment.

Saturday 28th November

Psalm 78.40-end

Matthew 9.1-17

All who are grieving, and all suffering with physical and mental ill-health
'Lord the one you love is ill....' John 11 v 3

We bring to God all those who suffer in body, mind, spirit or with grief. We ask that in God's great loving kindness they might know God's sustaining presence amidst their pain.

We pray for those who are stretched beyond their own capacity to cope and remain hopeful – that in the roar of these waterfalls God would bring a sense of coherence, comfort and strength.

We pray for those people we know who are suffering.

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Amen.

We pray for streets in our parishes including:
Marlowe Road, Nash and Garrick Grove.
Topcliffe, Brafferton and Cundall Streets,
Claremont Drive, Eldon Grove, Belmont Gardens.

We pray for the Anglican Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East during the Covid pandemic, which is providing food gifts to vulnerable people including: migrant workers in Dohar and Abu Dhabi and to vulnerable elderly people in Nazareth. The Anglican Church in Cyprus is providing food parcels and meals to the hungry. In Jordan, St Paul's Church in Amman is providing food gifts for refugees. In Damascus where many Christians are refugees, the Anglican Church is providing counselling and psychological support. (USPG)

Sunday 29th November

Psalm 93

Matthew 28.16-20

We pray for Family, friends and loved ones

We lift to God those we hold in our hearts – praying for their health, their well-being and their sense of hope. We pray that even when loved ones cannot physically be together they would not feel apart. We ask for God's help in our communicating, our connecting and our caring.

We pray for our family and friends:

Loving God, you know us and all that we are facing.

We thank you that we can come to you as we are – with all our fears and concerns, our difficulties and challenges.

Please draw close to each of us and those we remember before you now.

Bring to us your peace and comfort.

And fill us with your Spirit that we may be bearers of your grace and hope to others.

As a country protect us, encourage us and keep us.

In the name of your Son Jesus we pray.

Amen.

We pray for streets in our parishes:

Homer Grove, Orwell Walk, Walpole Road.

Byron, Cobden and Bright Streets.

Maybe Gardens, Kilwick Street, Tristram Avenue.

We pray for children who have been separated from their families:

For stolen babies and young children in Kenya (BBC Africa Eye)

For Uyghur children forcibly removed from their parents and placed in state orphanages by Chinese authorities (CSW)

For 545 Mexican children separated from their parents at the border by US officials during the Trump regime, whose parents have not been found. (American Civil Liberties Union)