

Prayer diary and readings for October

Themes to pray for every day

- The mission and evangelism at St George's church
- The Leadership and Vision
- Those who are struggling with ill health, bereavement or life
- Our Community Annexe project
- Our regular activities & the volunteers who serve

Sincerity

ELECTOR OF SAINTS,

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and callest to thyself.

With thee is mercy, redemption, assurance, forgiveness;

Thou hast lifted me, a prisoner, out of the pit of sin and pronounced my discharge,
not only in the courts of heaven, but in the dock of conscience;

hast justified me by faith, given me peace with thee,
made me to enjoy glorious liberty as thy child.

Save me from the false hope of the hypocrite:

May I never suppose I am in Christ unless I am a new creature,
never think I am born of the Spirit unless I mind the things of the Spirit,
never rest satisfied with professions of belief and outward forms and services,
while my heart is not right with thee.

May I judge my sincerity in religion by my fear to offend thee,
my concern to know thy will, my willingness to deny myself.

May nothing render me forgetful of thy glory, or turn me aside from thy commands,
or shake my confidence in thy promises, or offend thy children.

Let not my temporal occupations injure my spiritual concerns,
or the cares of life make me neglect the one thing needful.

May I not be inattentive to the design of thy dealings with me,
or insensible under thy rebukes, or immobile at thy calls.

May I learn the holy art of abiding in thee, of being in the world and not of it,
of making everything not only consistent with but conducive to my religion.

Sunday 1st – 2 Chronicles 31-32

Give thanks for answered prayer. In particular give thanks for the way he two church family funerals that took place last month. Pray for those who grieve lost loved ones. Pray for our funeral ministry, in particular for additional people to serve in this role. Pray also for practical issues we will face while the main entrance is out of use.

Monday 2nd – 2 Chronicles 33-34

Give thanks for answered prayer, for healing and comfort. There are many in our church family with health and other concerns right now. Pray that the lord would strengthen us and help us to support each other and encourage each other with the good news of Christ.

Tuesday 3rd – 2 Chronicles 35-36

Pray for the PCC meeting tonight as we discuss various important issues and continue to think about gospel ministry into the future. Continue to pray for our treasurer Doug and Church warden Chris. Pray for the right person to be found to independently examine our accounts and support Doug with the accruals accounting we must do for the next two years.

Wednesday 4th – Ezra 1-2

Give thanks for answered prayer regarding our annexe project. The site setup and clearance continues and ground works should be beginning. Pray for good weather so that there are no hold ups. Pray that the archaeologist will have an easy job and this too will not create any delays. Pray for wisdom as we deal with any remains that have to be stored.

Thursday 5th – Ezra 3-4

Pray for our church youth group and school lunch club that take place on Thursdays in term time. Pray that everyone continues to enjoy being a part. Pray for new people to join both groups, especially the school group. Pray for Simon who hosts and helps lead the school lunch club.. Pray that the gospel would go out to many young people in the school through this ministry.

Friday 6th – Ezra 5-6

Give thanks for our community coffee mornings, especially as the weather turns cold, that they would have sufficient helpers and new people would be able to join in. Pray that the gospel cards would be picked up and read and for opportunities to share the gospel. How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news. Romans 10.

Saturday 7th – Ezra 7-8

Continue to pray for those on the fringes, or those who don't know others so well, that the Lord would draw them into his family here and those who already know lots of people, would still make an effort to build new relationships with these brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray for the two baptism families who plan to come along to church, that they would join us in faith.

Sunday 8th – Ezra 9-10

Pray for our Harvest services today. Pray for the work of, and our partnership with the Washington Community Food project. Pray for the 'tea and toast' fellowship too. Pray for all those who help at our Sunday services. Give thanks for new people reading, praying and serving on Sundays. Pray more might step forward. Pray that the Holy Spirit would renew us.

Monday 9th – Nehemiah 1-2

Pray for the nations of Algeria, USA, Oman and Nepal.

Tuesday 10th – Nehemiah 3-4

Continue to pray for Ukraine following the devastation to the region. Pray for no fatigue in the support for Ukraine and that political disagreements in Europe can be amicably resolved to ensure unity against evil. Pray that the war will be increasingly felt in Russia so that the people demand its end. Pray for the protection of Ukrainians, especially the civilians that are affected by shelling and missile strike. Pray for justice to be served on Russia.

Wednesday 11th – Nehemiah 5-6

Pray for inspiration amongst people who are tired and feeling jaded by the world. Pray for a reinvigorated passion for Christ in our church amongst everyone, especially the young. Pray that the Lord would give us opportunities to grow in faith and number and that we would embrace them fully. Pray for protection against those who grumble or can be a dark cloud over others.

Thursday 12th – Nehemiah 7-8

Pray for the partnership with active families North East. Pray that many would be blessed through this and come to join the church.

Friday 13th – Nehemiah 9-10

Pray for Biddick academy where Nick is a trustee, Pray for all the other trustees, that they would help, what is now classed as a good school, become even better. Pray for ongoing good relationships with all the schools as we take assemblies and other activities.

Saturday 14th – Nehemiah 11-13

Pray for our new student from Cranmer hall, that she would be blessed as she serves and learns with us. Pray for additional support in our children's ministry on a Sunday and that we might be able to restart midweek kids/families work in a new and gospel focussed way.

Sunday 15th – Esther 1-2

Pray for our Healing and anointing service this afternoon, that the Lord would work miracles in many. Pray that everyone who comes would be blessed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Monday 16th – Esther 3-4

Pray for Open Doors: Nigeria "The attacks happen almost every day in different communities around the local government area," said a local partner following a spate of attacks on Christians in Plateau State by militant Fulani herdsmen over the summer. "Please pray that God will provide and protect us," says a believer.

Tuesday 17th – Esther 5-6

Pray for those in the office and all the work they do serving the church and community. Pray the Lord would bless them and they would handle any difficult situations with grace and love.

Wednesday 18th – Esther 7-8

Continue to pray for the annexe design and construction team Give thanks that the heart of the project has started and there is sufficient funds for some of the new entrance works. Pray the practicalities of adding this work back in would be simple and cost-free. Pray for additional funding so that everything can be completed in full, including the office, tea point and the green measures.

Thursday 19th – Esther 9-10

Pray for our nation and its leaders. Pray for wisdom in managing the finances of the country that enable pensions to be paid, the health service to run and the armed/emergency services to function. Pray for ever increased integrity amongst politicians and good people to become MPs.

Friday 20th – Job 1-2

Give thanks for our music group. Pray for those who are joining it, pray that it would develop and ever better lead our sung worship. Pray for the youth music group we are trying to get running.

Saturday 21st – Job 3-4

Pray for our world. Pray that many would see the ecological disasters we face and realise we must change. Pray for world leaders, scientists/engineers as solutions are sought. Pray that people will humbly recognise the Lord as creator and us as stewards as part of the community of creation.

Sunday 22nd – Job 5-6

Pray for those Christians in China, where the state is threatened by anything that could rock the 'stability' of the country. For the government, this means conformity to political thought and cultural identity. Ask the Holy Spirit to change the hearts of those in government to see Christians as a positive influence in the country, not disrupters.

Monday 23rd – Job 7-8

Pray for our community café plan. Pray that the business plan would come to fruition. Pray for wisdom as we develop a job description and role specification and in due course go out to advertise this. Pray even now that the Lord would be moving the right person to apply for this job, which will be key to developing the future mission and ministry as well as running of the annexe.

Tuesday 24th – Job 9-10

Pray for the Church of England, that it would remain faithful to its historical roots in the scriptures and only change and develop culturally where it does not go against the gospel and Christian ethics. Give thanks that many free churches across the country are growing and thriving.

Wednesday 25th – Job 11-12

Pray for grace amongst church family to abound. Pray for unity and love in the gospel and to avoid disputes about unimportant and secondary issues. Thank God for the unity we have. Pray for our church family, that everyone of us would keep our eyes fixed on Jesus through all circumstances and find contentment in him. Pray that our faith would grow and our love would abound more and more in depth of insight.

Thursday 26th – Job 13-14

Pray for the lunchtime and evening study/home groups. Pray all who come would find fellowship and grow in faith. Pray for those leading, for wisdom and grace. Pray for those who cannot attend but would like to, that they would find spiritual nourishment.

Friday 27th – Job 15-16

Give thanks for the privilege of prayer. Ask the Lord to help you and all of us to be better at prayer. Prayer can be hard work, ask the Lord to give strength to pray faithfully and continually.

Saturday 28th – Job 17-18

Pray for the ministry and mission of all faithful local churches. Pray for many church leaders who are struggling with increased pressure, regulation and rules as well as a shortage of support and volunteers to lead ministries.

Sunday 29th – Job 19-20

Pray that we would be ever more thankful. Pray that we would be better at hospitality and welcome. Pray that we would all be bold in our evangelism and see much fruit. Pray that our grace and forgiveness would overcome resentment and hurt. Pray for restored relationships.

Monday 30th – Job 21-22

Pray for Open Doors: Comoros: Comoros re-entered the World Watch List top 50 this year (at 42) due to greater pressure on Christians by locals and the authorities, and a rise in violence. The government has said publicly that there's only religious freedom for expatriates, not Comorians. Ask God to strengthen and encourage believers amidst hostility.

Tuesday 31st – Job 23-24

Pray for all those out 'celebrating' Halloween this evening. Pray that Christians would not hide away or be afraid as Christ is victorious. Instead pray that we would reclaim what was originally a Christian festival of All Hallows Eve and share the light of Christ with people out and about. Pray for boldness in this and show love and grace rather than fear or anger.