

Prayer Matters

Please keep in your prayers:

World Mental Health Day: 10 October

Give thanks for a growing understanding and tolerance of mental health problems; pray that those who suffer can access the support services needed for recovery; pray especially for young people and those affected by the pandemic.

Prisons Week: 10-15 October

2021 theme 'Journeying from Despair to Hope'. Pray for the needs of prisoners and their families; victims of crime and their communities; those working within the criminal justice system and the many people caring for the victims of crime both inside and outside prisons.

40 Days of Giving

Give thanks for those who have already pledged an increase in their giving and pray for a continual response of pledges over the remaining 40 days.

Climate Change

For the international efforts to halt or reverse climate change to be successful; for those places and countries already adversely affected, and for the natural events that have caused death and destruction; that we all play our part by preserving resources and recycling to be best of our ability.

Marriage

Charlette Axton and Mark Hughes as they begin their married life following their wedding on 9 October.

To be baptised on 17 October

Hector Kelly and Edward Ayton, and their parents and Godparents supporting them.

First Communion Candidates

Imogen, Luisa and Vanessa (and their parents supporting them), as they prepare to take their First Communion on 20 November.

Commemorated on 15 October:

Teresa of Avila

Teresa of Avila was born into an aristocratic Spanish family in 1515. Following her mother's death, she was educated by Augustinian nuns and then ran away from home to enter a Carmelite convent when she was twenty. After initial difficulties in prayer, her intense mystical experiences attracted many disciples. She was inspired to reform the Carmelite rule and,

assisted by St John of the Cross, she travelled throughout Spain founding many new religious houses for men as well as women. Her writings about her own spiritual life and progress in prayer towards union with God include *The Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, which are still acclaimed. She knew great physical suffering and died of exhaustion on 4 October 1582. Her feast is on 15 October because the very day after her death the reformed calendar was adopted and eleven days were omitted from October that year.

Charity of the week: Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation that has been supporting families worldwide for over 140 years. Started by Mary Sumner in 1876 in her local parish, it has grown into an international charity with over 4 million members in 84 countries. It demonstrates faith in action by working towards stopping poverty, inequality and injustice. Members work at grassroots level bringing hope and practical support to millions of people every year through parenting, literacy and community development programmes.

Those who are sick or in need

Elizabeth Flood, and any others known to us; those who support and care for them.

Those with longer term needs

Ruth Kirk Wilson, Robert Shafto, Margaret Legg, Simon Berlyn, Rosemary Cave, Lorraine Falzon Gaughan, Hyacinth Brown, Wisdom Kari Kari, Anthony Backs, Isabelle Backs, Do Jones, Chris Worden, and Gina Vaughan.

Those who have died recently

Robert Betson. Pray for his Godchildren Nick and Caroline and all who cared for him as we mourn his death; comfort all who mourn the death of loved ones.

Those whose Year's Mind falls at this time

Any known to us.

Thought for the week

Heavenly Father, when we feel lost, show us the way. When we feel lonely and abandoned show us our companions. Thank you for your promises of healing and hope. Amen.
Sara Batts-Neale.

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