



October Prayer Diary



1st Michaelmas day, pray for our Cathedral church of St Michael, for Bishop Christopher as he prepares to leave the diocese and give thanks for his ministry in Coventry and that of Bishop John as he adjusts to retirement.

2nd/3rd at 12noon each day the Cathedral prays the prayer of reconciliation, so may we pray Father forgive in this troubled world.

Pray for our own church, its ministers, lay readers and all in positions of leadership.

4th MU Diocesan business meeting,

5th -7th we pray for God's blessing and guidance on Karen, Diocesan President, Rev'd Denise Burgess, Chaplain the Trustees and our own branches. For the work of Mothers' Union in this country with families, children, prisoners and in the countries abroad where MU is strong and so important to its members.

8th – 17th Celebrate Harvest with a grateful heart, for the beauty of God's creation, for the harvest of our land as Farmers gather the crops and the chain of workers across the world who produce and deliver our food. Give thanks for the food we eat, may we care for the planet being

aware of the damage done by climate change as we also pray for all hungry people who do not have enough to eat.

18th St Luke's Day, Luke physician and Gospel writer, pray in the week ahead for all who work in the NHS, our hospitals and other caring agencies, as we pray for people we know and the many unknown to us who are unwell, physically or mentally that God will lay his healing hands upon them, giving them comfort and peace.

We could also trace some of the healing miracles in Luke's gospel.

Sunday 22nd, One of the readings for this day is Psalm 96, so amidst whatever situation we are in, 'Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord the whole earth, sing to the lord and bless his name, proclaim his wonders among all peoples'.

23rd - 30th, keep an eye on the news locally and worldwide and pray. Pray for sufferers of the continuation of the war between Russia and Ukraine, for help for refugees who flee their homeland for safety, and for those who have lost their loved ones, their homes, jobs, everything due to some natural disaster. Pray for victims of violence on our streets and for families where there is domestic abuse, and also pray for the work of social services and voluntary agencies that aid the vulnerable.

A closing prayer, Heavenly Father, we come before you today, we pray for peace among us and peace in the world. Help us to accept each other, regardless of difference. Help

us to reconcile any hurt or malice we may have and love
and respect one another unconditionally.