

# 1 - 15 November

#### MON 1

- All Saints' Day
- Lord, We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises:

by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love. Amen

## TUE 2

Prayer today is inspired by Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### WED 3

National Stress Awareness Day Loving God, please grant me peace of mind and calm my troubled heart. When we can't seem to find our balance and we stumble and worry constantly. Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path you've laid out for me. Amen

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## THU 4

Lord, hold our military troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen

## FRI 5

Lucille Arlidge, St Matthew with St Chad, Smethwick invites us to pray,

As many of us return to everyday life after such a long time of enforced retreat, we give You thanks for the blessings of the time we have been given to rest and reflect.

We also remember those who worked tirelessly and those who struggled during these last months, we pray Lord you bless them today.

## SAT 6

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Sarah Turner, Thrive Together, has written an imagined conversation with a trafficker. Here is an extract from the prayer, which can be watched on the CofEB YouTube channel.

This is what we pray:

That God will melt your heart of stone into a heart of flesh, and break it for those you hurt. That God will open your eyes to see the evil you commit.

That you will see the beauty in the victims of your crimes,

And be overcome with shame for the pain that you inflict. That you will turn away from this wicked way of living.

And fall to your knees, And pray to be forgiven.

## THANKSGIVING

# Sunday 7 November

Thank you, God, for all your blessings to me, my family and friends; for the strength you give us each day and for all those around us who fill our lives with joy and purpose. Amen

### MON 8

Lord, we thank you for all our essential workers: from those who work in retail, hospital staff, farmworkers, to those who produce our food, and those who care for others. Amen

### TUE 9

The Collect of the day Almighty Father,

whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

#### WED 10

Lucille Arlidge, St Matthew with St Chad, Smethwick invites us to pray,

Thank you Lord that you are the God of compassion. And we pray you will be with all those who are ill. Amen

### **THU 11**

Remembrance Day

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those men and women who have died in active service: in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future;

for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen

## Thoughts

## FRI 12

One of the perks of bellringing at Coleshill Parish Church is watching the sun set over Birmingham from the tower battlements.

On Remembrance Sunday diminishing rounds is called for.

O Mighty God, grant that faith, love and devotion may be awakened in all who hear the bells this day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### SAT 13

14-21 November is Inter Faith Week

God of all people, open our hearts to understanding other faith traditions. We are all made in your image and seek to know and follow your ways, to praise you, and to be instruments of your Holy presence. May we respect those who are different from us, who follow a different faith tradition than us. Help us to be people of compassion and understanding, creating a path to a peaceful coexistence among all people. Amen

## THANKSGIVING

# Sunday 14 November

Remembrance Sunday They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

## MON 15

Anti Bullying Week 15-19 November Father, we ask for your protection over those who have experienced bullying. Please rescue them from emotional and physical danger, and from the fear associated with this trauma. Help these victims to forgive their enemies as you instructed, and may we use our words to pray for blessing upon those who do us harm. Amen



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#### TUE 16

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Amen

### WED 17

Loving God, we pray for children and young people growing up in troubled homes; We pray for their release from fear and darkness into the light of your love. Come, Father in heaven; may your will be done.

#### THU 18

Prayer today is inspired by the song 'For the One' performed by Brian and Jenn Johnson

As you listen to this song, consider how we might respond to people if we fully believed that they were a child of God, loved by Him and trying their best to make it through the day in the only way they know.

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## FRI 19

God, we lift up to you all with disablities in hearing, in sight, in limb or in mind. May they experience acceptance of equality and find peace and fulfillment in knowing you. Amen

## SAT 20

Spaghetti Junction is one of the biggest motorway interchanges in Europe - it has 46 signals, 3 electronic message signs and 25 emergency roadside telephones. It also has its own weather station to monitor conditions.

Dear Lord, I pray for all those out on the roads today. Help us to navigate the busy roads on our way to our destination. I ask that all those travelling will do so safely. Amen

## THANKSGIVING

## Sunday 21 November

Fr Bob Stephen invites us pray,

We give thanks that we are able to begin now to realise the potential of the refurbished building at St Mary's, Handsworth. We now have warmth, flexibility and a sense of God's presence: a vision made reality. We also thank you for other church building projects and commit them into your hands.

## **MON 22**

Lord, fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, valuing everyone. Amen

### **TUE 23**

Prayer today is inspired by Psalm 85:8 I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people.

#### **WED 24**

Father, guide me to know how to help the homeless in our community. As these nights grow colder, help bring warmth, safety and nourishment, and your blessings. Amen

## THU 25

The Collect of the day

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven

that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace.

and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

### FRI 26

Father, we ask for your hand of protection over care home residents and the dedicated staff who look after them. May they know that you see their needs, and that you are there with them. Amen

### SAT 27

Olwyn Powell, Water Orton invites us to pray, Lord, after the trauma of the various happenings in the last two calendar years we move forward prayerfully and with hope into the new Church year on Advent Sunday 28th November. We seek Your blessing on our Advent Concert that day at St Peter & St Paul's, Water Orton. We pray that all those returning to church for the first time after lockdowns that they may receive a friendly welcome across CofEB.

## THANKSGIVING

## **Sunday 28 November**

First Sunday of Advent

Thank you God for the world so sweet, Thank you God for the food we eat, Thank you, God for the birds that sing, Thank you, God, for everything!

## MON 29

Dear God, I come to you asking for your help in keeping me strong and healthy in body, mind and spirit.

I thank you that because you created me you know my inner thoughts. You know all of my fears, my hopes and my dreams. You know my past, present and future.

I thank you that you are the source of health in my inner being. You help me cope. You guide me. You comfort me. You strengthen me. Amen

## TUE 30

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. Amen

Thoughts