

ST. MARGARET'S  
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SOUTH MARSTON  
&  
STANTON FITZWARREN

OCTOBER  
PRAYER DIARY



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*The Book of Genesis – Chapter 8 Verse 22*

*22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."*

**To my fellow Christians...**

Owing to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, many church and local events have been put on hold or cancelled altogether. As a result, until such time as the events recommence, the prayer diary will be scaled down to weekly prayers, much like the prayer diaries that are distributed over Christmas and the summer months.

I will still attempt to make the prayer diary as varied as possible, but for that to succeed I will continue to require your help and support, so please feel free to jot down your own thoughts for prayer below.

God Bless,  
Adam Jenkins

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### **Prayer topics...**

**1st – 2nd** Pray for all teaching staff, pupils and governors who are settling into the school year and its many changes; that each school community will continue to listen and learn together. Pray for all children and young people as they continue to grow and are constantly being challenged by the new regulations.

### **Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Collect:** God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We have seen the terrifying images of the molten lava slowly spreading its way across the Canary Islands as the volcano erupted yet again last week. Pray this week for all those who have lost their jobs and even their homes in the disaster. Pray that God will be with them during this sad and confusing time and that He will guide them as they rebuild their lives.

Pray also this week for those living in low-income countries, particularly the younger generation. It has recently been revealed that they will see three times as many extreme climate events as their grandparents. Pray that we may play a small part in preventing that from happening.

### **Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**Collect:** Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In your prayers this week, pray this week for those who are dealing with problems owing to mental health, be it their own or someone they know. Pray that, when they want to shut themselves off from everything and everyone, God will give them the strength to do the exact opposite and seek out those who can help them - be they professional or familial.

Similarly, we also remember this week World Food Day. In your prayers, pray for organisations like the World Food Programme and the Hunger Project, who are working to ensure a world where everyone leads a healthy and fulfilling life.

### **Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**Collect:** God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We remember this week Saint Luke, particularly during this period of harvest. We pray for all those who are working to bring food to us, particularly those in lower income countries. Pray this week especially for the work that Traidcraft who work to combat injustices in trade and the environment.

In a similar vein, as the world commemorates International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, we pray this week for all those across the world who are working hard to bring poverty to an end.

### **Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**Collect:** Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On this Bible Sunday, may we remember the influence the Bible has in our lives, particularly when most of the news in the world is not good. May we use God's Word to stay strong during the sad times and look forward to the good.

Also, pray this week for all those who are preparing to make a big change in their lives in the next few weeks. May they know that God will be with them throughout these undoubtedly stressful and uncertain times.

### **Week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Collect:** God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray this week for our Ministry team as they seek to spread your word among us. Pray that God will continue to strengthen their unwavering dedication to making His teachings easily accessible and easy to understand. We also give thanks that some of the weekly Church activities that had to stop during COVID are starting to open up again, especially Saturday Scene, and coffee after services.

Also, pray this week for all those who have birthdays over the next few weeks. Pray that their days may be filled with happiness and joy, both on their day, but for the rest of their lives.