

Prayers for October 2020



4th to 10th

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd' and so we pray:

Good Shepherd, watch over us today In all we face and experience. Never leave us or forsake us and journey with us always.

Good Shepherd, you know us as no-one else knows us. Guard us and keep us, as you guard and keep those whom we love.

Good Shepherd, we pray for the sick and the lonely; for the anxious and the bereaved; for those whose pain is beyond our comprehension.

We stand with them and commend them to your care.

Good Shepherd, we pray for the carers in hospitals and in homes and for all who serve the needs of others.

May the example of living compassion Inspire us in our care for others.

Good Shepherd, you know the depths of our heart and the fears which are ours. Speak into the depths of our heart and calm our fears. Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Amen.

11th to 17th

Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid ; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 5:9

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

18th to 24th

In these challenging times, let us remember the work of Crossreach, the Social Care Services of the Church. Pray for all who work and volunteer in social care and the people they serve and support. (in care homes, in hostels, in services for children who are looked after away from home, and counselling services for those parents and children affected by Post-natal depression, and those seeking to overcome drug or alcohol dependence.)

25th to 31st October:

Let us pray for wisdom and discernment for scientists, public health specialists, Medics and politicians and all in positions of responsibility in this pandemic.