Prayers for November 2021

There is one body, but it has many parts. But all it's many parts make up one body. 1 Corinthians 12:12

1. <u>ALL SAINTS DAY</u> We praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for all your saints of every age and nation who have glorified you by their life in Christ. Strengthen us to follow steadfastly the Way in which they walked; make us one with them for ever in your presence, for you are our God, alleluia, we are your people. Amen. We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Risden, Foxhole Lane. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Suttons, and the Vicar, Revd Fiona Haskett.

2. ALL SOULS DAY. We pray for all who have died, especially our departed loved ones, relatives and friends. We pray for all who have died because of COVID-19. In your mercy, grant them rest and peace, and raise them up on the last day. Amen. We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.

- 3. We keep in prayer COP26. We are now in a climate emergency. More people are going hungry, extreme weather events are more severe and communities are being displaced. People are being pushed back into poverty and the damage to creation is accelerating. We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.
- 4. As we contemplate the scale of the crisis, it's important we keep our eyes fixed on the God of justice, who loves creation and brings restoration and peace and help our friends and family to do the same. We pray for the ministry in and from the St Laurence Parish Office. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
- 5. *We bring before you, dear God, our concern about poverty and climate change. In your mercy, hear our prayer.* Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work at Benenden Hospital and the Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
- 6. We pray that Businesses can take meaningful action with the aim to remove even more carbon from the atmosphere than they emit. We pray for all shops and businesses in the High Street, and in our village. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.
- 7. We pray that Companies can look at how they can work with suppliers to improve sustainability across their whole supply chain. We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road. Bless and guide the Queen and all members of the Royal family.
- 8. Let us pray for governments around the world, facing difficulties in decisions in a time of crises. May You guide them to take the right actions and centre creation in their policies. We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.

- 9. We pray for the Church: may we speak and act together as we urgently work towards good stewardship of your creation and your presence in all living things. Lord, in your mercy...We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.
- 10. We pray for the peoples already facing droughts, floods and storms: that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate. Lord, in your mercy...We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.
- 11. **REMEMBRANCE DAY.** God our Father, As on this Remembrance Day we call to mind those who have died in times of war, and remember with gratitude those who suffered and died in the cause of freedom and justice, we also remember with compassion those who still suffer as a result of war: the bereaved, the lonely, the disabled and mentally ill. Look upon our world, still torn apart by violence and fighting, And grant success to those who strive for peace with justice, Through him who reconciled us to God and sought to break down the barriers between us, Even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (written by Bishop Richard Llewllin) We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane and for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, and the Vicar Revd. Rachel Robertson.
- 12. We pray for our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may examine our environmental impact and make choices for the common good. Lord, in your mercy... We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages. We pray for the parish of Cranbrook and the Vicar Revd Ann Pollington.
- 13. We pray for the Church: may we discern our roles and tasks arising from the decisions taken at COP26 and take action to achieve them. Lord, in your mercy...Bless and guide those living in Fairview and Northgrove Road. We pray for all who worship in the Parish of Marden and the Vicar, Revd. Nicola Harvey.
- 14. We pray for the world we live in: that God may open our eyes to recognise the goodness of all creation and help us to do what we can to restore and care for the wonderful gift that we have been given. Lord, in your mercy...We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgbury. We pray for all members of the Methodist Fellowship in Hawkhurst.
- 15. Pray for the delegates to this conference and also for the Body of Christ globally that we would steward what we have been blessed with, not only for our own good, but the good of the generations to come. "A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children" (Prov 13:22). We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and for Father Patrice. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street.
- 16. *Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. Psalm 51:15* We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartnokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell and the Vicar Rev Ashley Evans.
- 17. In God, whose word I praise in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? Psalm 56:4 We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk. We pray for all who worship in the Baptist Church in our village, and for the Minister Revd. Ben Gotts and his family.

- 18. *Praise be to the Lord, to God our Saviour, who daily bears our burdens. Psalm 68:19* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place
- 19. *We praise your glorious name, O Lord.* We pray for all the schools in our village, for the Headteachers, Staff and pupils and in particular for the Hawkhurst Church of England Primary School. We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.
- 20. *The voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour*. We pray for all living on Slip-mill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sobers Lane. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam and the Rector Canon Christopher Irvine.
- 21. *Sing to the Lord, for he has done marvellous things*. We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
- 22. Lord, teach us to be responsible and generous in the use of our money possessions, and give us grateful hearts for all your blessings. We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
- 23. *He is so worthy, if we do not praise him, the rocks will cry out. Luke 19:40* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
- 24. *He is the way, the truth and the life. John 14:5.* We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close. We pray for the parish of Staplehurst, and the Vicar Revd Silke Tezlaff.
- 25. Today is the start of **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and abuse.** An annual International campaign. 'For the LORD is a God of Justice'. Isaiah 30:18b. We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
- 26. Spotlight on FGM (female genital mutilation) So God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Gen 1:27 We keep in prayer those living in, Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.
- 27. The impact on children *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you, I appointed you a profit to the nation. Jeremiah 1:5* We pray for all living in Attwater Lane and Potters Lane. We pray for Revd. David Commander, Rector of the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst, and Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners.
- 28. *First Sunday of Advent.* Read 2 Samuel 13:1-22. Reflect on this biblical story and how it mirrors the experience of many in the 21st century. We give thanks for caring men and women who speak out against sexual violence, and support people who have experienced it. We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village. We keep in prayer the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.
- 29. The disabled community. *Read Matthew 15:30-31 The disabled community can also be affected by domestic violence. How terrifying it must be when your carer is your abuser. Lord in your mercy help them.* We pray for Justin Welby, our Archbishop,

Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover and Stephen, Archdeacon and acting Diocesan Secretary, Andrew, Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.

30. Safe places. *Where is your safe place? As Christians, we understand God to be our stronghold, our place of refuge. Psalm 46:1* We pray for our Vicar and Area Dean of the Weald Deanery, Fr Rodney Dreyer and his family. We also pray for our Churchwardens, and all the members of our PCC. We remember all the members of our fellow-ship who live outside the parish.

Let us continue to prayer "Thy Kingdom Come" until it does. Come Holy Spirit: gift us with yourself