

Prayers for November 2023

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! [Matt 7:11]

1. *All Saints' Day.* We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises. We pray for the parish of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst with St Mary's Frittenden and their Vicar, Revd Pete Deaves. We remember all who live in Conghurst lane, Ridsen and Foxhole Lane.
2. *All Souls' Day.* Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity and preserve in your faith your servants on earth. We remember those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *Martin of Porres, Friar 1639.* Blessed be the Lord. He has set all the nations free, calling them out of darkness into his amazing light. We pray for all Pharmacists and Dispensers. We remember those living in Delmond Lane and North Hill Road.
4. *Lord, whatever you call us to, help us to perform it faithfully, gladly and wholeheartedly, to the glory of your name. Amen.* We pray for Hawkhurst Church of England Primary School, the Headteacher, Jodi Hacker, the staff, students, volunteers, governors and parents. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. *[John and James said] "Lord do you want us to command fire to come down and consume them? But [Jesus] turned and rebuked them. [Lk 9:55-56]* We pray for all first responders, police, firefighters, ambulance workers and the coastguard. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts. We pray for all who worship in the Baptist Church in our village, and for the Minister Revd. Ben Gotts and his family.
6. *Lord Jesus Christ, who became poor for our sake, teach us, having so much, to remember the many who have so little, and in responding to them, may we respond to you.* We pray for all people who are struggling to cope during the current cost of living crisis. We pray for the work of the Trussell Trust and for the volunteers at Hawkhurst food bank in the Baptist Hall. We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns.
7. *So, then, let us come boldly before his throne of grace, so that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. [Heb 4:16].* We pray for all living on Stream Lane and Hastings Road. We pray for all members of the Methodist Fellowship in Hawkhurst.
8. *The Saints and Martyrs of England.* The saints were faithful unto death and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever. As we celebrate their joy, let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses, and ask for his mercy. We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and their priest Fr Ethelbert Ukpabi.
9. *Margery Kempe, Mystic, c1440.* "Thou art my joy, Lord, my bliss, my comfort and all the treasure I have in this world; for other worldly joys covet I not, but only Thee. And therefore my dearworthy Lord and my God, forsake me not." We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam and the Rector Canon Christopher Irvine.
10. *Of first importance is to acquire wisdom; to gain understanding, though it may cost you all you have. [Prov 4:7].* Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work at Benenden

Hospital and the Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital. We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Heartenoak Road.

11. **Remembrance Day.** We pray for all our defence forces and those working to preserve peace and our democratic institutions. We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane. We pray for all who worship in the Parish of Marden and the Vicar, Revd. Nicola Harvey.
12. **Remembrance Sunday.** *And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages.
13. *Having been justified by the grace of Lord Jesus Christ our saviour, we have become heirs to the promise⁴ of eternal life. [Titus 3:7].* Bless and guide those living in Fairview and Northgrove Road.
14. *[Jesus] is able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives constantly to make intercession for them. [Heb 7:25].* We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgbury.
15. *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. [Ps 51:1].* Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Suttons, and the Vicar, Revd Fiona Haskett.
16. **Margaret of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093.** *Almighty God, you made Margaret of Scotland outstanding for her great love of the poor. May we follow her example and bear witness among men to your goodness and love.* We pray for all shops and businesses in the High Street, and in our village. We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartenokes and Basden Cottages,
17. *'You did not choose me, I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.' [Jn 15:16].* We pray for those who live in Cophall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk. We pray for the parish of Staplehurst, and the Vicar Revd Silke Tezlaff.
18. *For if one man's sin brought death to many, how much more has the grace of God and the free gift which comes through the grace of one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many. [Rom 5:15].* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park, Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place.
19. *Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680. O almighty God who in thy unspeakable providence didst choose Blessed Hilda to be thy instrument in bringing together diverse elements, that where there was discord and division her labours brought harmony and unity, grant that she may be our intercessor in Heaven.* We pray today for our Vicar Fr. Rodney and the other members of the new College of Canons as they are installed at Canterbury Cathedral. We pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.
20. *Lord Jesus Christ, when we find ourselves overwhelmed by life's problems and struggling to stay afloat be there to still the storm and to grant us your peace.* We pray for all living on Slip-mill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sobers Lane. We pray for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, and the Vicar Revd. Rachel Robertson.
21. *Lord Jesus Christ, teach us that if we would be in you then you must first be in us.* We pray for all who work in finance and for the work of the HMRC. We pray for all living

in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court. We also pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons.

22. *Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, 230. O Saint Cecilia, help us to remember that to sing is to doubly pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.* We pray for all church musicians and liturgists, especially our own choir and the choirmaster, Charlotte O'Neill. We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. *The Lord is the strength of his people, a safe refuge for his anointed. [Ps 28:8].* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds. We pray for Revd. David Commander, Rector of the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst, and Area Dean of the Weald Deanery and also for Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners.
24. *Living God, help me to find time for you, and so to find time for all.* 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 Cranbrook and their Vicar Revd. Richard King.
25. *Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, 1748. Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King; Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the long amen.* We pray for all writers and composers of sacred music. We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.
26. **Christ the King.** *Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded: through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.* We pray for all those who work in the farming and fishing industries and for all those who labour to provide food for our tables. We keep in prayer those living in, Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close. We remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.
27. *I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. [Ps 118:17].* We pray for all living in Attwater Lane and Potters Lane.
28. *Living God, open our eyes to all that you are doing now, and so may we glimpse what you are yet to do.* We pray for the work of all industrial chaplains throughout the UK. We pray today for all living in Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and in all new homes in our village. We keep in prayer also the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.
29. *Gracious God, even when all seems dark, teach us that your light will always shine through.* We pray for Justin Welby, our Archbishop, The Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover, Stephen Taylor, Archdeacon and Diocesan Secretary; Andrew Sewell, Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.
30. **Andrew the Apostle.** *[Andrew] found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah". [Jn 1:41].* We pray for our Vicar, Canon 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 fellowship who live outside the parish.

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes. [Mt 7:28-29]