

## Prayers for October 2025

*Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I may love what is holy.  
A prayer of St Augustine.*

1. *The pattern of seasons and the turning of the year gives us an opportunity to think about time, about the cycle of the year and God's timeless faithfulness to us. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Ridsen, Foxhole Lane. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Sutton's during their interregnum.
2. *Dear Lord, may the brilliant changing colours of the leaves remind us of Your boundless creativity, and the falling leaves teach us the strength and courage to let go of that which has served its purpose. Amen.* We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.
3. *Help us like the trees to embrace the process of change, surrendering to the natural cycle of life. May this season inspire us to rest, to grow, and to prepare for what is to come. Transform us by Your Spirit, O God, as you transform the earth. Amen.* We pray for the people living in Delmonden Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.
4. *St Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon. ....'O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.'* Amen. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. *Harvest Sunday. O God of Creation, may the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others. We give thanks for the Food 4 Families food bank in Hawkhurst, for the volunteers and for all those who need its services. Amen.* We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
6. *We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest; And we bless each other that the beauty of this world and the love that created it might be expressed through our lives and be a blessing to others now and always. Amen.* Bless and guide the King and all members of the Royal family. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.
7. *For those whose harvest is poor, whose crops have withered, water tainted, children starve, help those who bring relief and bestow on us an unaccustomed generosity, that all might share from your garden and all might sing your praise. Amen.* We pray today for all the schools in our village, in particular for Hawkhurst Church of England Primary School, the Headteacher Jodi Hacker, the staff, governors, volunteers, and parents. We pray for all

living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road.

- 8 *So many shades of gold - Autumn - another miracle we take for granted, another expression of the artist's vision, the blending of the autumn hues with the setting sun, warm comforting perfect. Thank you for Autumn, Lord. Amen.* We pray for the parish of Staplehurst, and the Vicar Revd Silke Tezlaff. We remember in our prayers all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
- 9 *Lord, You have showered me with Your grace and blessings. I acknowledge that every good thing in my life comes from You. Amen.* We remember the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst with St Mary's Frittenden during their present interregnum.
10. *"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required."* We remember today the Food 4 Families food bank in Hawkhurst, for the volunteers and for all those who need its services. We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and HeartenOak Road.
- 11 *Help me to shine Your light and extend Your love even in the midst of disagreements, knowing that Your ultimate purpose is to bring unity through faith in Christ. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane.
12. *In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly. Amen.* We pray for all who work in and own shops, pubs, restaurants and businesses in the High Street, in our village. We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sandrock Cottages. We pray for the parish of Cranbrook and their Vicar Revd. Richard King.
- 13 *Thank you, Heavenly Father, for Your Word that is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Amen.* Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work at Benenden Hospital and the Hawkhurst Community Hospital. We pray and give thanks for all who work in the emergency services. 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. *"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes."* We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgebury. We pray for all members of the Methodist Fellowship in Hawkhurst.
15. *Let us pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel, Lebanon, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan, and all places of conflict. Lord in Your mercy, Hear our Prayer. Amen.* We pray today for all ordinands and those in training for Licensed Lay Ministry. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street and for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, and the Vicar Revd. Rachel Robertson.
16. *World Food Day. Lord, You call us all to share fairly the bounty of your creation, but so many people in this world of plenty do not have enough*

*to eat. And so we ask you, God of all, to create in us a desire to make all things new. So that through your goodness all those in need may eat and be satisfied. Amen.* We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartnokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell and their vicar the Reverend Canon Dr Jason Radcliff.

17. *We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness and work for a rapid solution to stop the violence. Lord in Your mercy, Hear our Prayer. Amen.* 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 their Minister Revd. Ben Gotts and his family.
18. *St Luke, the Evangelist. Eternal God, you called Luke the physician to write down an orderly account of the Gospel, and to show us your Son's love for the poor. Thank you for Your living Word in the scriptures. Amen.* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill.
19. *Send us your wisdom in all that we say and do, that our voice may always seek justice, peace and security for all. Amen.* We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.
20. *We ask Father God that you will be a shelter and hope for the innocent, especially children, who live in fear and terror during war and civil unrest. Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer. Amen.* We pray for all living on Slipmill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sopers Lane. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam during their interregnum.
21. *I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High. Psalm 7:17.* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. *All praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - our love, our life and our hope. Amen.* We pray today for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. *Faith is our mainstay, our rock. In times of trial keep us on your true path, O Lord. Amen.* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
24. *Give us grace to persevere in faith, and to be concerned about the eternal salvation of other people. Amen.* We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close.
25. *Let the message of Christ in all its richness find a home in you.* We pray for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates.
26. *The Last Sunday after Trinity. Summer Time ends; as the clocks change and the evenings draw in and the temperature falls, we pray for those who fear the onset of winter. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.* We pray for

all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road. We keep in prayer those living in Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.

27. 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 Area Dean of the Weald Deanery and also for Revd. Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Assistant Priest and all the parishioners. We keep in prayer the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.
28. *SS Simon & Jude - Apostles. Gracious God, you raised up Simon and Jude to be witnesses of the resurrection of your Son, and to proclaim the Gospel in the world - as we celebrate this feast day in their honour, we ask for the growth of the Church in numbers and faith and love. Amen.* We remember today all those in care in the village. We pray for the staff and residents of Bowles Lodge and Hawkhurst House.
29. *Lord, give us courage to do what we believe to be right, however challenging the circumstances. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.* We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village.
30. *Dear God, we pray for each church across the country, for church leaders and volunteers who are planning to serve their community in new ways this Halloween, celebrated tomorrow. We pray that churches will be able to think of creative and innovative ways to bless their community. We pray for everyone involved in these activities, that they will be fruitful and be able to share the good news of Jesus with those that they meet. Amen.* We pray for the Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover and Iain Blythe the Diocesan Secretary. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council and the work of the Crown Nominations Committee.
31. *Dear God, on a day when darkness is celebrated, we pray for your light. Shine across our world and lead people to yourself on this All Hallows' Eve (Halloween). We ask that you will lead people to turn away from evil, from witchcraft, from new age activities, from darkness. Reveal your light and your glory to them. Help us to fight against the work of the devil, equip us and strengthen us. Protect all our young ones. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.* We pray for our Vicar, Canon Fr Rodney Dreyer and for his family. We pray for our churchwardens, all members of our PCC and also for those members of our fellowship who live outside the parish.

*Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray; And in your mercy defend us  
From all perils and dangers of this night; For the love of your only Son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ . Amen.*