

Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters; inspire in us words and deeds to comfort those who labour and are burdened.

Make us serve them truly, after the example of Christ and at his command.

And may your Church stand as a living witness to truth and freedom, to justice and peace, that all people may be raised up to a new hope.

EP Various Needs and Occasions IV

*O God,
in your silence
every anguished cry is heard;
each person is created in your image,
all peoples are precious in your sight.*

*Receive into your peace
the victims of war and persecution
and hear the lament of those
who mourn their killing.
Keep their memory always before us
and rid every heart
of violence and vengeance,
that hatred may be banished
from the face of the earth
and the family of nations
brought together in peace.*

Almighty and merciful God,
to whom alone the secrets of the human heart lie open,
who recognize the just and make righteous the guilty,
hear our prayers
for your servants in prison,
and grant that
through patience and hope
they may find relief
in their affliction
and soon return unhindered
to their own.

RM 1377

*God of every generation,
under your loving guidance
our lives unfold to maturity
in a world that both fascinates
and frightens us.*

*Show us in Jesus and his gospel
the way to life in all its fulness.
When confusion and fear
cloud our way,
draw us by your gift of hope
to take delight in the wonder of creation
and to find fulfilment in serving others.*

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Ordinary Time Autumn

Because the joy and hope, the struggle and anguish of the people of this age and especially of the poor and those suffering in any way are the joy and hope, the struggle and anguish of Christ's disciples, the Church prays not just for its own needs but for the salvation of the world.



*The Bishops of England and Wales invite you to join in the **Cycle of Prayer***

Please pray for the current intentions, both with your parish community and in your own personal prayers. On some days these intentions will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. Also it is hoped that vigils and other prayer services will be held.

This leaflet is one of a series which offers a selection of prayers and texts on the intentions of the Cycle of Prayer which may be used in private or public worship.

Throughout Ordinary Time: Autumn we are asked to pray for these intentions:

AUTUMN

The Harvest, the Fruits of Human Work, & the Reverent Use of Creation
especially on World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (1 September) and on last Sunday in September or whenever Harvest Festivals are held

Students and Teachers
especially on the Education Day (2nd Sunday in September)

The Spread of the Gospel
especially on Home Mission Day (third Sunday in September) and on World Mission Day (penultimate Sunday in October)

Justice and Peace in the World
on Harvest Fast Day (first Friday in October)

Prisoners and Their Families
especially on the Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants (second Sunday in October) and Prisons Week (second week in October)

All Victims of War
especially on Remembrance Day (second Sunday in November)

Young People
especially on Youth Day (Christ the King)

THE HARVEST, THE FRUITS OF HUMAN WORK, AND THE REVERENT USE OF CREATION

*By your word,
Lord God,
we and all creatures
are formed, sustained and fed.*

*Teach us to live in peace
with the world
your hands have made,
that, as faithful stewards
of your good earth,
we may reverence you
in the works of your creation.*

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.

2 Corinthians 9:10–11

*We give you thanks, O Lord,
for the fruits that earth has given
to benefit the human family
and, we pray
that, as the working of
your supreme providence
has produced them,
so you may cause the seed of justice
and the fruits of charity
to spring up in our hearts.*
cf. RM 1357

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

All wisdom is from the Lord.
Ecclesiasticus 1:1

Jesus presented himself to the disciples as the only teacher and, at the same time, a patient and faithful friend. He exercised real teaching by means of his whole life.

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*God of all knowledge,
whose wisdom unfolds for us
the meaning of the world in which we live,
be the inspiration
and the end of all our efforts
to know, learn and teach.
Through the seeds of inquiry and wonder
which you have implanted,
may we continue to grow
in your wisdom.*

The Church exists in order to evangelise that is the carrying forth of the Good News to every sector of the human race so that by its strength it may enter in to the hearts of all and renew the human race.

General Directory for Catechesis 46

*O God,
who have sent the power of the Gospel
like leaven into the world,
grant that your faithful,
whom you have called to live amid the
world and its affairs,
may be fervent with the Christian spirit
and, through the tasks
they carry out in this present age,
may constantly build up your Kingdom.*
RM 1320

THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL