

Prayers for Sunday 16th August 2026 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

God of peace,
we pray from the heart for those impacted so terribly by violence and conflict...
those places that make the headlines and those that are forgotten...
remembering especially children traumatised by all they have seen and all they have lost.
We pray for those who are displaced because of civil war
and we remember especially the people of Sudan in their desperation and their suffering...
The news reports numbers but you Lord know each person's name and the hopes of their hearts.

Loving God, hear our prayer.

God of all creation,
we pray from the heart for those impacted by severe weather and ongoing drought...
for the people of China and Colombia, for those across Europe and Canada whose lives
have been devastated by wildfires, for farmers in this country and the firefighters risking
their lives day after day...

Loving God, hear our prayer.

God of the young and the old,
we pray from the heart for those waiting for exam results,
for those who will be delighted and are confident about their next steps
and those who will be devastated and feel lost...
We pray for all young people struggling to find their place in the world...
and we pray for those who feel their life is slipping away...
for those who are forgotten now they are older,
for those who have lost their independence...
and for those struggling to come to terms with diminishing mobility and declining health...

Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray from the heart for families that are estranged,
for those whose families have been torn apart by violence, deceit or betrayal...
for those who have family members struggling with addiction...
and or those struggling with debt...
We pray for those who have had someone close to them go missing,
for those who hope for news day after day...
and for those who, for whatever reason, have found themselves alone and in crisis...

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Finally we pray from the heart for our own families, our friends and all those we worship
alongside and pray with and for...
We pray for our companion animals and the natural world that enriches and inspires us...
We pray for those who guide and shape our daily lives...
and for those with the responsibility of shaping the life of our church, and our nation...
We pray for those we encounter in shops and in our local communities...
and for those who have no-one to pray for them by name.

Loving God, hear our prayer

and may the hearts of all we have prayed for be touched by

joy, hope and courage

in Jesus' name,

Amen.