Intercessions for Sunday November 15th 2026 Second Sunday before Advent

As we are focussing today on the themes of the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14–30), watchfulness (1 Thessalonians 5:1–11), and accountability before God (Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18) let us bring before our heavenly Father our prayers focussing on faithfulness, readiness for Christ's coming, and compassion for a broken world.

We pray for The Church and its Stewardship

Dear Lord and Father we bring before you the global and local Church, that we may not hide our gifts out of fear or complacency, but boldly invest the time, talents, and resources that you have entrusted to us. Help us to surrender our plans, expectations and desire to control the outcome to you. Give us hearts that are willing to wait when you say wait, to move when you say move, speak when you say speak and remain silent when you say be still. Change us through your Word. Make us sensitive to your Spirit and give us the courage to say: 'Yes Lord'.

To quote John Wesley:

'Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.'

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for The World and Justice

In this time of so much economic and climate concern and anxiety we bring before you dear Lord all leaders, economies, and communities—especially where people live in fear, poverty, or under the shadow of judgment and conflict. As we reflect on the recent international COP 31 meeting in Turkey we pray that all world leaders will work together to ensure wise stewardship of the earth's resources by all countries and a commitment to justice for all.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer*

We pray for Local Community and Our Daily Life

Lord of all we bring to you our local neighbourhood, schools, workplaces, and families. Grant us a clear-eyed watchfulness to see the needs around us, the courage to speak truth, and the grace to encourage one another.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for The Sick, Suffering, and Anxious

God of compassion we offer up to you all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, those facing uncertainty or job losses, and those who feel overwhelmed by the weight of life. Bring us all comfort, strength, and the practical support of a caring community. Lord we know that you are always near, but today we invite you to get as close as possible. We name in our hearts our burdens and the burdens of those we love. We are weary of pretending that we can carry them on our own. Remove our fears and our worries and replace the heaviness that we can feel with your relentless love. Thank you for already knowing our hearts and needs before we do.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for The Departed
Lord of all we bring to you those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. May we, with them, be found ready and faithful when our Lord returns in glory.
Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Dear Father thank you for inviting us into Your power. For the simplicity of prayer and for your mercy. Lord, when we pray help our unbelief. When we pray push us further. When we pray help us to forgive the way you forgive – completely, totally, selflessly.
Merciful Father
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen