

Prayers for Sunday 20th September 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Loving Christ, who feeds us with the bread of life, we bring before you in our prayers all those who hunger for peace and security around the world. Where people live in fear of bombing, terrorism, hate and violence, we ask you to provide sanctuary and hope, and ultimately an end to hostilities. Strengthen the mediators, the negotiators, and all who strive for peace.

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Loving Christ, we pray for our earth which hungers for clean air and water and space to grow undamaged by materialistic societies. Change the hearts of those who prioritise short-term greed before the long-term future of our planet. We pray especially for those people adversely affected by the droughts and flooding and other natural disasters prompted by climate change.

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Loving Christ, we pray for all who hunger for their physical needs to be met. We pray for those children who go to bed with empty stomachs and those who sacrifice their own needs to feed their families. We pray for those seeking shelter on the streets or in short-term accommodation and hostels; those struggling to make a fresh start after a time in prison; those seeking asylum; and those for whom the pay packet barely stretches to cover the month. We ask you to provide security and reassurance, moving the hearts of ourselves and others to help meet their need. Where opportunities arise to strengthen their finances, let there be people on hand to guide and advise.

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Loving Christ, we bring before you all who hunger for comfort or healing, for those who long to be well and for those who look forward to the end of life. We ask you to provide peace of mind, strengthening of mind and body, and easy access to support from the relevant agencies. Bless those who watch and care for others, both those who love them and those who serve them, and all who mourn. Provide comfort and encouragement, we pray.

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Loving Christ, you know what it is for which we hunger. We take time now to pray in the silence for our own needs and the needs which lie heavy on our hearts...

We take time now to pray for those here beside us, to our left and to our right, whose needs may not be known to us but are known to you...

We take time to pray for this church and for the worldwide church, that you may make your will for them known and strengthen their mission and service...

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