

Prayers for Sunday 9th August 2026 – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Loving God in our divided world we pray for unity
among families, among communities, among faiths, among the nations.
We pray for peace in the Middle East, in Ukraine,
and ask your blessing on all the volatile places in the world,
places where those who speak truth are silenced,
and for those who are killed and injured going about their daily lives.

Lord, may those who live in fear cling on to hope
and may we all work together for a safer world.

We pray for all displaced people around the world.
For those living in abject poverty and for those in refugee camps.
We pray for an end to the exploitation of the vulnerable by people smugglers and for those
whose desperation leads them to climb into small boats to try and cross seas and oceans.
We pray for wisdom and compassion for those who have to make difficult decisions about
immigration and for policies that are sustainable and fair for all countries who give refuge
to families and those seeking better lives.
We pray for those communities overwhelmed by the number of people coming to their
shores and for those communities whose resources are stretched and for all places where
there is tension and mistrust.

Lord, may those who are desperate cling on to hope
and may we all work together for a safer world.

We continue to pray for all people and wildlife that have lost their lives, their livelihoods
and their habitats in wildfires.
For places where drought has devastated crops and where animals are dying.
We pray for our farmers and all who work on the land.

Lord may those who are grieving cling on to hope
and may we all work together for a safer world.

We pray for those who have been victims of crime and those who feel justice hasn't been
served and their voices not heard.
We pray for those in prison, for prison chaplains and all who seek to help offenders turn
their lives around.
We pray for those entrusted with the responsibility of sentencing and releasing those who
have committed crimes.
We pray for the families of victims whose killers have never been brought to justice and we
pray for the families of those in prison.

Lord may those who feel overwhelmed cling on to hope
and may we all work together for a safer world.

And finally we entrust to you those we love:
those who are ill, those who feel lost, those who carry heavy burdens and those we are
estranged from.

Lord may those who are struggling cling to hope
and may we all work together for a safer world.

In Jesus name
Amen.