

Prayers for Sunday 4th October 2026 – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Creator God, you made a wonderful world and filled it with glorious content - landscapes and oceans, trees, shrubs and flowers, colours and textures, animals, birds and fish and it was to us your children to whom you entrusted stewardship of all that you have made and are making. You call us to be faithful custodians of our planet and so we lay before you our concerns about our changing climate. Change our attitudes that we may show our concern for the future. May our commitment mean that we are willing to pay more now to ensure the future of our planet.

God who trusts us... **May we respond faithfully to your trust.**

Creator God, you made us creatures of community to support and be supported by each other; to see the needs of our neighbours whether we know their name or have to look their home city up on a map. We thrive because others care for us and so we pray that you will help us to show our concern for those recovering from floods in Nepal; and those overwhelmed by war in Ukraine. Help us to feed the hungry and welcome the stranger in our midst.

God who trusts us... **May we respond faithfully to your trust.**

Creator God, your gift to your people is the Church, a global community of people who acknowledge your Kingship and seek to be your will. We thank you for our part of the church; for those with whom we worship week by week and we pray for them that they may be strengthened by the power of your Spirit. We pray for our church; you know its strengths; you know its needs. May we all play our part in enabling your word to be proclaimed and your love to be shared that the Church may welcome more and more disciples desiring to serve the God who made them.

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Creator God, we bring to you our needs and the needs of those we know. We bring to you especially all who are sick, those with mental health issues; those who grieve the loss of a loved one; and those who face challenges in their lives.

Show us the way to make a difference; challenge us to express your love in practical ways; may those we pray for know that we care and that you love them and may that knowledge bring comfort and peace.

God who trusts us... **May we respond faithfully to your trust.**

Creator God, you made us in your image and gave us the capacity to love as we are loved. Help us to rejoice in that love; to proclaim that love; to share that love. For through you we have the power to make a difference. Show us how.

God who trusts us.... **May we respond faithfully to your trust.**

Amen