

INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER.

We thank you Lord God for the depth of your love for us which surpasses all our imagining.

For the moments of knowing your grace poured so generously upon our lives, for which we pause now to thank you.

And for those moments when you have reached out your hands to us and we have failed to notice you offering to strengthen and refresh us.

Cleanse us Lord from the blindness that does not see you. The deafness that does not hear you and the dumbness that fails to ask for blessing when, deep down we need it most

Lord, your world is full of so much turmoil so that every day can feel like someone's road to Calvary. In the darkest of news, in the bleakest of situations, we pray that your light and love may be felt by those who suffer most and bring them we pray to the haven of peace which can seem so far away.

We give thanks for these summer days and for all that we have enjoyed in them. We pray for those returning from holiday. For our schools and colleges. For those facing a new start in any way. For our pre-school too.

We give thanks for this community and for each other - for those who worship with us from beyond our parish - that all may find a welcome here.

We pray for all who suffer. Those in hospital or nursing home and this who take care of them. For the work of the NHS and our local doctors' surgeries and pharmacy. For those who work within our community to support others.

As we give thanks for the visit of Bishop Ruth to us to consecrate the extension to our garden of remembrance, we pray for all those for whom this will always be an especially sacred land, and we pray for our own departed loved ones and those we would remember at this time.

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.

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