

Intercessions for 18 October 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

We lift up our hearts and minds in prayer:

- In the faith of God the Father, who loves us and knows our every need;
- In the name of God the Son, our Advocate with the Father, who ever lives to intercede for us;
- In the power of God the Holy Spirit, who comes to the aid of our weakness and pleads within our hearts.

O God, our heavenly Father, we acknowledge your love and kindness to us, your children: you have given us life and health and every good thing which we enjoy.

We thank you that you have made this world so beautiful and that there is so much in it for us to enjoy, and so many things that enrich our lives. Forgive us for the ways in which we have squandered your riches, damaging your creation, whether through greed, pride, malice or ignorance.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the talents and powers that you have given us, and for all the good uses to which these have been put. Forgive us when these have been misused. We ask your blessing on all those with the powers and responsibilities to shape the lives of others, that they may be inspired to act for good and not for evil.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the blessings of home and family life, for the marvellous gift of friendship. Forgive us when we fail to offer the hand of friendship to those in need, when we hurt each other out of selfishness. We thank you for the blessings of being part of a caring community. Help us always to be considerate of one another, and to be welcoming towards new members of our community. Pour out your blessings on those communities around the world that are devastated by poverty, disease, natural disasters, and all forms of conflict.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We thank you for your presence with us along life's journey, and for all the ways in which your love has been revealed to us. We ask your blessing on all those for whom life is hard, whether through sickness, poverty, loneliness or any other adversity. We hold up to you now those known to us personally...

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Receive our gratitude, O Lord, and make us more worthy of your blessings, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**