

October 4th -17th, 2021

4th

Gaps on shelves, fuel shortages, rising prices, all annoy us, but few of us will starve. At this time of harvest thanksgiving, let us pause and give thanks for all God's goodness to us.

5th

Let us pray for farmers, food producers, road hauliers and all who work hard to provide us with what we think we need, but whom we often take for granted.

6th

We remember all in our community who suffer real deprivation, not only in the pandemic, but throughout their lives for many reasons. We pray for our awareness and willingness to act.

7th

Many countries throughout the world have suffered or are in danger of famine because of man-made or natural disasters which can make us feel helpless. We pray that even the little we can give may make a difference.

8th

Please think and pray about all the parts of the world where greed and desire for profit has resulted in devastation of areas where food was once grown.

9th

As COP26 draws closer, there are still countries who have made no commitment for the future, nor even achieved those in the Paris agreement. We pray that they may act now.

Sunday 10th

"And the children of the earth, like sheep within your fold, should have food enough to eat, and shelter from the cold. Help your people to care for your world."

11th

Our news often carries news of great tragedies which we forget all too soon as something else becomes the priority. This week let us all try to remember what has concerned us most and renew our prayers for that situation.

12th

The Grenfell Tower Enquiry still continues with no end in sight and few seeming to be willing to accept responsibility. Meantime many in similar buildings are stuck, with little or no action taken. We pray for the despair of all concerned, that the talk will stop and action be taken.

13th

In recent years there have been several devastating earthquakes the effects of which are still being felt. The latest of these was in Haiti and we hear that people seeking refuge in the US were turned away with violence. Please pray for all such situations.

14th

The explosion in Lebanon had devastating effects. Hospitals have run out of medicines, there is no electricity, no fuel for the generator. Windows have no glass and winter is coming; there is no money for blankets or warm clothes. The prolonged economic depression is worse than ever and the currency is collapsing. Pray for all the charities trying to help this desperate situation

15th

We continue to pray for Afghanistan where malnutrition is endemic; women are the only breadwinners and are now forbidden to work; foreign bankers have left and the Afghan interpreters are vulnerable, to name but some of the concerns.

16th

We have prayed for so many terrible situations in recent years. Can we find examples of where good had been achieved and give thanks for answered prayer.

Sunday 17th

-“O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be though our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.”