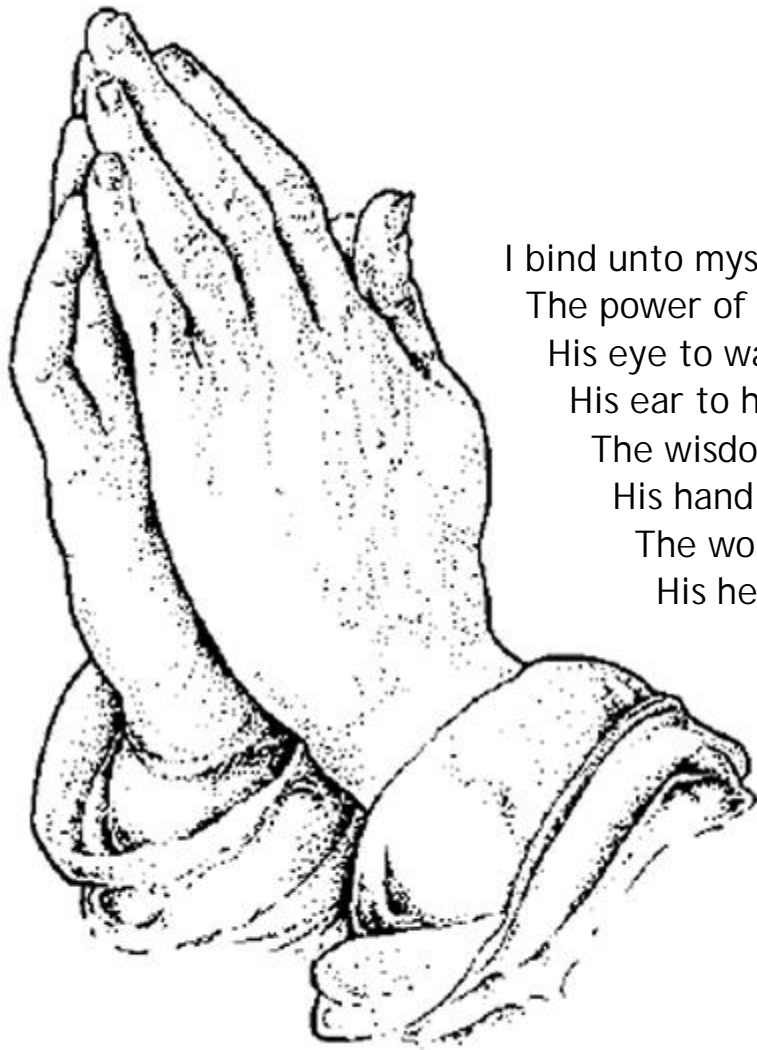




Prayer Leaflet

October 2007



I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, His shield to ward;
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

from St Patrick's Breastplate

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin

Godmanchester

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.



Rock Guitarist Jimi Hendrix led a promiscuous life, indulging in drugs and behaving outrageously on and off the stage.

At the end of a concert in 1970, Jimi smashed his guitar. The audience screamed and applauded, but suddenly the frenzied applause stopped. Jimi had fallen on his knees and was staying in that position motionless. He broke the stillness by asking, "If you know real peace, I want to visit with you backstage." But apparently nobody

responded to his startling invitation. Several days later he died from an overdose of drugs. Peace, real peace, eluded Jimi Hendrix.

Do you know real peace? Have you discovered, as that rock star did, that fame, money, and self-indulgence don't bring inner serenity? Prayerfully, then, you need to make another discovery. Through a trustful commitment to Christ you can experience peace with God (*Romans 5:1*). Open your heart in faith to the Prince of Peace, inviting him to come into your life and take control of it. Then, underneath all of life's agitation, you can know the peace of God – the very tranquility of heaven in the depths of your soul (*Philippians 4:6-7*).

Our Prayers in October are especially requested for:

In the Church

Events – Gift Day (6th); Harvest Festival (7th); SEDICI Concert (Oct 13th) – please pray for these events, and those who will attend them.

Mothers Union – Lord Jesus come and dwell within us, that we may go out into the world with the light of your hope in our eyes, and your faith and love in our hearts.

Choir – that they may keep well during the autumn and give thanks for the continued leadership of our choirmaster.

St Mary's 0s-5s Group – for the safety of our little ones as the nights draw in. Give thanks to the Lord for the new parents and children who have joined the group this term. Please pray for the provision of new committee members to join our small group of four.

Flower Guild – give thanks for the skills and dedication of the Flower Guild members

In the Community

Pray for all who work in our hospitals and care homes that they may be given energy and a sense of humour when work seems to be stressful or unrewarding.

Pray for parishes where clergy and congregations cannot get on; and give thanks for our own parish, where folk are so kind and helpful.

In the World

Christian Solidarity Worldwide – Father we pray for the nation of Nigeria, that You will cause it to prosper. We pray for bridges of peace to enable Christians and Muslims to work together for the benefit of their country, and ask that You would bless all those striving for change.

The charity the Church supports through the collection plate in October:

Mission Aviation Fellowship - a Christian agency whose mission is to fly light aircraft in developing countries so that people in remote areas can receive the help they need.

This month, in our Street Prayer Mission, we'll be praying for:

Week commencing Sunday 7 October:

**West Street; Pinfold Lane; Granary Close; The Maltings;
Oakleigh Crescent**

Week commencing Sunday 14 October:

Crow Hill; Thick Willow; Bergamont Close.

Week commencing Sunday 21 October:

St Ann's Lane; The Stiles; New Street; St Ann's Court.

Week commencing Sunday 28 October:

Bascraft Way; Mowlands; Lions Cross; Dovehouse Close.

Please remember the residents of these streets, those known to us, and especially those, as yet, unknown to us.

Some Prayers for October:

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with the confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness
in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

