

Some Prayers for September:

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

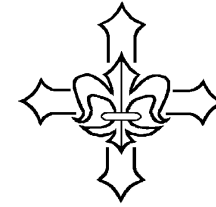
Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

September Charity of the Month

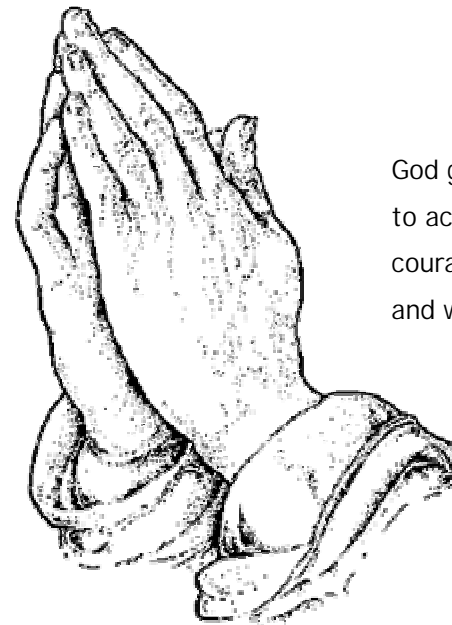


Mashambanzou Care Trust aspires to shepherd those infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS through the dark night of loneliness, fear, hunger, stigma and discrimination so that they may walk confidently into the dawn of a new life, filled with hope.



Prayer Leaflet

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God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin

Godmanchester

Brother John

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'



It's only a humorous story, yet it makes a serious point.

Brother John was a timid man who dreaded speaking in public. So he was terrified on the day it was his turn to give a devotional message. With his knees trembling, he faced his listeners and said, "Do you know what I'm going to say this morning?" "No," answered the audience. He then said, "Neither do I," and he ran from the room.

The next day he was told to try again. He said, "Do you know what I'm going to say?" This time they replied, "Yes." So he said, "Then you don't need me to tell you." Again he fled.

He tried a third morning, saying, "Do you know what I'm going to say?" Half his hearers shouted, "Yes!" and half shouted, "No!" "Ah," said Brother John, "then let those who know tell those who don't know," and again he fled.

At first, his hearers sat in silence. Then the words hit home: "Let those who know tell those who don't know."

For 3 years, Jesus' disciples absorbed his teaching and observed his mighty works. They had come to know him as the way, the truth, and the life. He was God in the flesh, the One who is "eternal life" (1John 1:2). In the years to come, they devoted their lives to telling others about Christ.

Today, let those who know tell those who don't.

Our Prayers in September are especially requested for:

In the Church

Events — Return of Churches Together Lunches (7th); Men's Group (7th); Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride' (11th); Patronal Festival (12th); Wives Group Annual Dinner (14th); RSCM Choirs Festival (18th); African Drumming, Singing and Dancing (25th); Shalom Service (27th); — please pray for these events, and for those who will be attending them.

Children's Church — for all preparing to start school for the first time, and for those moving to new schools, especially those moving to much bigger schools.

Choir — that they may all feel refreshed and energised following their August break. Give thanks, especially, for those who have served in the Choir for many years, and pray for them as they receive awards (18th).

Mothers' Union — Lord God we ask you to bless the work of the Mothers' Union Literacy and Development Programme in Sudan, Malawi and Burundi. We pray for resources to maintain and develop this crucial programme.

Evening Bible Group held at Andrew Wright's — for the members as they return after an absence during Jerry's recent illness.

Flower Guild — for a fruitful harvest everywhere to help feed the world.

In the Community

The Schools in the town — for staff and pupils as we start a new year, especially those in our schools for the first time.

In the World

Christian Solidarity Worldwide — Pray for the millions of Christians around the world who are unable to practice their faith freely and without fear. Ask God to strengthen, uphold and encourage them during the trials they face.

Give thanks for the gift of literacy — for the joy of reading and the opportunities it provides for us in both work and pleasure. Pray for all people who are not literate and have no support, funding or access to basic education.

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

Week commencing Sunday, 5 September

Old Court Hall; Corpus Christie; Silver Street; Wigmore Close; Duck End; Allen Farm Close.

Week commencing Sunday, 12 September

Sweetings Road; Devana Close; Parcell Walk; Middlemiss; Miller Close.

Week commencing Sunday, 19 September

Riverside Mill Flats; Bridge Place.

Week commencing Sunday, 26 September

London Road; Martin Close; Roman Gate.