

Some Prayers for October:

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

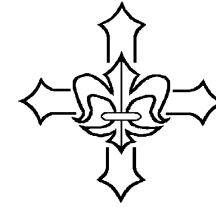
Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



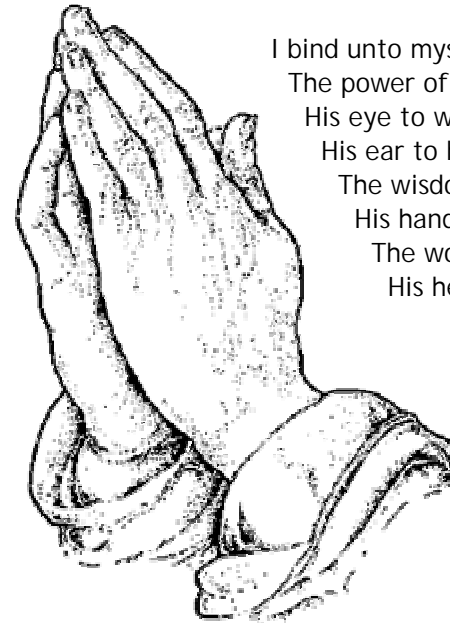
October Charity of the Month

The Bible Society exists because millions lack the Bible in a language they can understand, in a form they can use or at a price they can afford.



Prayer Leaflet

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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

A 19-Mile Fall

Deuteronomy 33:26-29 (NKJV)

*"There is no one like the God of Jeshurun,
Who rides the heavens to help you,
And in His excellency on the clouds.*

*The eternal God is your refuge,
And underneath are the everlasting arms;
He will thrust out the enemy from before you,
And will say, 'Destroy!'*

*Then Israel shall dwell in safety,
The fountain of Jacob alone,
In a land of grain and new wine;
His heavens shall also drop dew.*

*Happy are you, O Israel!
Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD,
The shield of your help
And the sword of your majesty!
Your enemies shall submit to you,
And you shall tread down their high places."*



On August 16, 1960, US Air Force Captain Joseph Kittinger Jr. sat in a gondola suspended from a high-altitude balloon. When the balloon reached 102,800 feet above the surface of Earth (more than 19 miles), Kittinger jumped out. Four minutes and 36 seconds later his main parachute opened at 14,000 feet, but not before he had attained a velocity of 614 miles per hour! Kittinger carefully planned his record-setting descent.

In the spiritual realm, we're more likely to find that life is filled with unexpected free falls. The loss of a loved one, a broken relationship, or a terminated job can make us feel as if we're dropping into the unknown. For believers, there is a spiritual "parachute" – the loving arms of God.

Thousands of years ago, Moses wrote these words to the Israelites just before he died: "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deuteronomy 33:27). The words "everlasting arms" refer to the protection and preservation of God's people. Despite the stressful circumstances they would surely face, they could rest in the assurance of God's watchful care.

Do you feel as if you're in a free fall? Take heart. God's loving arms are there to catch you.

Our Prayers in October are especially requested for:

In the Church

New Service Times – pray for all as they adjust to the new service times, both at Godmanchester and Hilton.

Events – Songs From The Musicals Concert (1st); Gift Day; Exhibition of Talents; Harvest Supper; and Sedici Concert (8th); St Anne's Harvest Service; Service for 2013 Passion Play (12th); Civic Service (16th); Annual Reader's and ALM Service (Ely 16th) – please pray for these events, and for those who will be attending them.

Choir – that they may stay energised during the month and that more people will come to join them.

Mothers' Union – for members in Belize and Uruguay as they run social outreach projects to improve family life and give people dignity.

In the Community

The Community School – For all those students and staff as they settle into their new educational surroundings, may they believe in their worth, prosper and help others. Prayers for Governors and parents as they discuss and debate academy status and other educational changes affecting school in the coming year.

In the World

Pray for all who struggle to provide food for their family, whether through shortage of food or lack of money. Let us be part of the answer to our prayers by our giving of practical aid.

Reflect on the free availability of water to us to satisfy our physical thirst. Let us ask God to give us a right sense of appreciation as we contemplate the needs of others in the world.

We thank God for the coming of Christ who gave us access to the water of life; He alone can quench our spiritual thirst. Let us be eager to drink deeply and with gratitude and thank God for all he has provided.

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

Week commencing Sunday, 2 October

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

Week commencing Sunday, 9 October

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

Week commencing Sunday, 16 October

Riverside Mill Flats; Bridge Place.

Week commencing Sunday, 23 October

London Road; Martin Close; Roman Gate.

Week commencing Sunday, 30 October

**Cambridge Road; Cambridge Villas; Meadow Way; Harcourt;
Almond Close.**