October 2024 Prayer Diary

"Your arm is endowed with power; your hand is strong, your right hand exalted. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, LORD." —*Psalm 89:13-15* 

1 <sup>st</sup>	As we start the month of October we praise and thank God for the creation of His world as nature puts on the ultimate show as the leaves change colour.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Give thanks and pray for our ministry team and for all the visiting clergy supporting us during the vacancy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	As the lunch club reconvene today after their September break, we ask God to bless the food provided and may the sharing of this meal strengthen the bonds of friendship and support to those who attend.
4 <sup>th</sup>	On Animal Welfare Day we pray for creatures facing extinction at the hands of humanity's greed and negligence, that we may repent and safeguard their future. For all animals blessed to serve humanity through work, entertainment, or sustenance, that we may honour their sacrifice
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lord, we ask for your protection over our community. Let your peace reign in our streets, our homes, and our hearts.
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	As we celebrate Harvest Festival today - Lord of the Harvest, thank you for your generosity to us. For all the good things that you have given to us. From the plants that grow, to the foods we eat, and those who sit alongside us.
<b>7</b> <sup>th</sup>	We pray for the Otford Walking group – steps to wellbeing - who meet today. May they walk this day in the realm of grace, walking with you their feet firmly on your earth-path.
8 <sup>th</sup>	As University terms restart, we pray for those in our Church Family who are studying. O, Lord grant our young people the strength to handle the pressure of these days, and the ability to keep a proper perspective through it all.
9th	As First Steps meet today, we pray for those attending with their carers that they would enjoy their time together.

10 <sup>th</sup>	On World Mental Health Day - Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care
11 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer for Peace: Prince of Peace, bring tranquillity to my heart and to the troubled places of the world. Let your peace reign.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Heavenly Father, lead me in your ways, for I trust in your wisdom. May I walk according to your will and find your purpose for my life.
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for all attending our services today, for the Adie and Ian taking the services, for the Organist and Choir and the Tech Team.
14 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for World Standards Day, which is a means of paying tribute to the collaborative efforts of thousands of experts worldwide who develop the voluntary technical agreements that are published as International Standards.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Father God, I ask that you bless my coming and going today. Be before me, behind me, and beside me - protect me and move me toward that which will bring me closer to you.
16th	World Food Day We thank you, God, for the abundance of food we receive from your hand. We thank you for the progress that has been made against hunger in recent years, and we remember today those people at risk of falling back into hunger and extreme poverty. May your Spirit guide us as we seek change, so everybody has enough food to flourish and a place at the table you spread for all.
17 <sup>th</sup>	Dear God, help me give you all of my burdens and struggles that have taken over my week. Fill me with your overwhelming peace to carry me through the end of the week. Guard my heart and mind with your peace, knowing you are in control.
18 <sup>th</sup>	May God the Father bless me. May God the Son protect me. May the power of the Holy Spirit enlighten me and forgive all my sins.

19 <sup>th</sup>	Lord, help me not to lean on my own understanding but in everything acknowledge You so that You can direct my words, thoughts and actions.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for those worshipping in all of the Churches in Otford today. Lord Jesus, come bless our gatherings with unity, hope and vision. Build in us all a deep respect for one another so that your church may be one.
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the Pétanque group who meet today at the Recreation Ground.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	We give thanks for the talented members of Otford Art group meeting today.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	We pray for all those attending the mid-week communion service today.
24 <sup>th</sup>	We praise God for the founding of the United Nations on this day in 1945 to maintain world peace and friendly relations among nations.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Heavenly Father we lift up those who are struggling within our community — those who are experiencing hardship, poverty, loneliness, or illness.
26 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for those attending the Otford Embroidery Club meeting today.
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	We give thanks and pray for all those attending Prayer breakfast as we pray for our church family and particularly for the person God has chosen to be our next incumbent.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Thank you God for the 3 schools in Otford and pray for the children and staff as they enjoy their half term break.
29 <sup>th</sup>	We thank you for the Homegroups within our Church. May they continue to support the members as they pray together and read and discuss your word.
30th	Thank You Father for Your unfailing love for me, Your blessings, and goodness. Thank You for Your faithfulness to guide me and see me through times of uncertainty, for lifting me up, and setting me on high.
31st	Jesus, Light of the World, we bring our village to you this Halloween, and pray that each person out this evening might be affected by Christ's light and love.