

Open our eyes to the needs of all;  
inspire us with words and deeds  
to comfort those who labour  
and are burdened;  
keep our service of others  
faithful to the example  
and command of Christ.

Let your Church  
be a living witness  
to truth and freedom,  
to justice and peace,  
that all people may be lifted up  
by the hope of a world  
made new.

EP Various Needs and Occasions

O God,  
in your silence  
every anguished cry is heard;  
each person is created in your image,  
all peoples are precious in your sight.  
Receive into your peace  
the victims of war and persecution  
and hear the lament of those  
who mourn their killing.  
Keep their memory always before us  
and rid every heart  
of violence and vengeance,  
that hatred may be banished  
from the face of the earth  
and the family of nations  
brought together in peace.

Father of mercy,  
the secrets of all hearts  
are known to you alone.  
You know who is just  
and you forgive the unjust.  
Hear our prayers  
for those in prison.  
Give them patience and hope  
in their sufferings,  
and bring them home  
again soon.

RM 837

God of every generation,  
under your loving guidance  
our lives unfold to maturity  
in a world that both fascinates  
and frightens us.

Show us in Jesus and his gospel  
the way to life in all its fulness.  
When confusion and fear  
cloud our way,  
draw us by your gift of hope  
to take delight in the wonder of creation  
and to find fulfilment in serving others.

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# Ordinary Time Autumn

Because the joy and hope, the struggle and anguish of the people of this age and especially of the poor and those suffering in any way are the joy and hope, the struggle and anguish of Christ's disciples, the Church prays not just for its own needs but for the salvation of the world.



*The Bishops of England and Wales invite you to join in the Cycle of Prayer*

Please pray for the current intentions, both with your parish community and in your own personal prayers. On some days these intentions will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. Also it is hoped that vigils and other prayer services will be held.

This leaflet is one of a series which offers a selection of prayers and texts on the intentions of the Cycle of Prayer which may be used in private or public worship.

Throughout Ordinary Time: Autumn we are asked to pray for these intentions:

AUTUMN

### The Spread of the Gospel

*especially on Home Mission Day (third Sunday in September) and on World Mission Day (penultimate Sunday in October)*

### Justice and Peace in the World

*especially on Racial Justice Day (second Sunday in September) and on Harvest Fast Day (first Friday in October)*

### The Harvest, the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation

*especially on last Sunday in September or whenever Harvest Festivals are held*

### All Victims of War

*especially on Remembrance Day (second Sunday in November)*

### Prisoners and Their Families

*especially during Prisoners' Week (9-15 November) and on the Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants (third Sunday in November)*

### Young People

*especially on Youth Day (Christ the King)*

THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

*Proclaim his glory  
among the nations,  
his marvellous deeds  
to all the peoples;  
great is the Lord  
and worthy of praise.*

Roman Missal (RM) 816

The Church exists in order to evangelise that is the carrying forth of the Good News to every sector of the human race so that by its strength it may enter in to the hearts of all and renew the human race.

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*God our Father,  
you send the power of the gospel  
into the world  
as a life-giving leaven.  
Fill with the Spirit of Christ  
those whom you call  
to live in the midst of the world  
and its concerns;  
help them by their work on earth  
to build up your eternal kingdom.*

RM 809

THE HARVEST, THE FRUITS OF HUMAN WORK, AND THE REVERENT USE OF CREATION

*By your word,  
Lord God,  
we and all creatures  
are formed, sustained and fed.  
Teach us to live in peace  
with the world  
your hands have made,  
that, as faithful stewards  
of your good earth,  
we may reverence you  
in the works of your creation.*

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

*Lord,  
we thank you for the harvest  
earth has produced  
for the good of all.  
These gifts witness  
to your infinite love;  
may the seeds of charity and justice  
also bear fruit in our hearts.*

cf. RM 833