SUNDAY 01 November 2015

All Saints' Day: Lord, we pray for present & future generations of our Corps. We remember past Corps folk now in heaven thanking You for their legacy of influence for you & their inspirational example. We pray for all of us that we in turn follow & spread their & Your example.

MONDAY 02 November 2015

Lord, we believe You can transform lifelong habits & attitudes so that all people including ourselves can be made pure, useful & good. We also believe that in Your mercy You provide the power to make & sustain the necessary changes. Meet us & touch us, Lord.

TUESDAY 03 November 2015

As a nation we are repeatedly told there's not enough money to help those in need or even to provide a safe environment. Lord God Almighty, Yours is all wealth & mercy - give us all the courage to do the decent, right & good thing knowing You will resource & bless that.

WEDNESDAY 04 November 2015

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord Himself, is the Rock eternal." *Isaiah23:3.4*.

THURSDAY 05 November 2015

Bonfire Night: we reflect on what we celebrate today, Lord, lift us from fear of the stranger with even stranger beliefs & yet help us to be vigilant concerning extremism. Help us also to be grateful to those who work to keep us safe.

FRIDAY 06 November 2015

Sport today is a major industry. We pray more people are encouraged to actually participate for the joy of teamwork, the wellbeing of physical exercise & the simple fun of it. Help us to handle success graciously &, should we lose, to lose well & able to learn lessons from it.

SATURDAY 07 November 2015

Lord, Your Bible is clear that people are more important than money - in Your economy debts are to be cancelled every 7 years, *Deut15:1*, & furthermore, the poor are to be helped to prosperity rather than be exploited, *Deut15:11*. Lord, You have been so generous to me. Help me to be generous to those in need, by joyfully sharing with them Your resources & by treating them with dignity.

SUNDAY 08 November 2015

We remember today that evil, hatred & injustice were overcome through courage & sacrifice by our Armed Forces. Teach us to cherish the freedom we enjoy & never to forget the cost to so many. Lord, come afresh to our broken world, & by Your grace bring healing & peace.

MONDAY 09 November 2015

"The Lord will settle international disputes. All nations will beat their swords into ploughshares & their spears into pruning hooks. All wars will stop, & military training will come to an end. Come ... let us walk in the light of the Lord!" *Isaiah2:4.5*. Amen!

TUESDAY 10 November 2015

We pray for our modern day Armed Forces whose primary role is now defence or peace-keeping. We pray for the world's leaders that they may be peacemakers. "Blessed are peacemakers for they shall be children of God."

Matt5:9. May we all want peace more than power.

WEDNESDAY 11 November 2015

Armistice Day: Lord, despite the Geneva Convention civilians take the heaviest casualties in modern warfare & with ever more powerful weapons of mass destruction it's possible to kill millions at a time; we cry out to You for Your Kingdom come when all people look after each other.

THURSDAY 12 November 2015

The European Community was brought into being as a means of uniting people for peace. We pray, Lord, for it to continue in that ideal while resisting the temptations to dictate & to gang up on minorities. We pray for its ethics to be Christian without necessarily being religious.

FRIDAY 13 November 2015

Lord Jesus, may it give us all hope that You were born in the most war-torn region on earth. We believe that You alone can bring peace there just as much as anywhere else & we cling to the many Bible promises of peace in Your time.

SATURDAY 14 November 2015

All this last week we have been praying for peace among nations but we accept that peace starts with each of us as individuals. Do we really love as we should, share as we should or even care as we should? We pray You gently but very firmly bring us in penitence to the foot of Your cross where we may see Your purpose & realise the huge journey to holiness we all need to embark on.

SUNDAY 15 November 2015

Shoeboxes: present giving at Christmas is symbolic of Your wonderful gift to us of Yourself at Christmas & in this spirit, Lord, we pray You bless the gifts, the givers & the recipients. Help us always to be ready to aid the stranger without any thought of reward except that of pleasing You.

MONDAY 16 November 2015

Homeless & disadvantaged people are welcomed to our Drop-in Lunch. Material & social needs are all too evident. Lord, we recall many Bible instances when You helped in desperate situations as well as those times when You answered our own neediness. We pray for our guests.

TUESDAY 17 November 2015

Consciences can be 'seared as with a hot iron', 1Tim4:2. Lord, we pray for our consciences that You help us make & keep them tender, teachable & open to Your prompts. It's horrible to realise that conscience can become wilfully hard to the extent that we can backslide into depravity.

WEDNESDAY 18 November 2015

"To all who mourn ... He will give beauty for ashes, joy instead of mourning, praise instead of despair." *Isaiah61:3a.* Lord, this scripture resonates with our own experience of the difference You make in our lives. Help us, we pray, to spread & share this wonderful joy.

THURSDAY 19 November 2015

Since God chose us to be the holy people he loves, we must clothe ourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness & patience. ... The most important garment we must wear is love. Love is what binds us together in perfect harmony. *Col3:12&14*.

FRIDAY 20 November 2015

Cover us completely with this whole wardrobe of new clothes, Lord! We want to live holy lives, sharing the mystery of Your marvellous love with others. *From Maj Beverly Ivany*. *Words of Life*. 16-10-15.

SATURDAY 21 November 2015

"Surely He took up our infirmities & carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, & afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, & by His wounds we are healed." *Isaiah53:4,5*. Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

SUNDAY 22 November 2015

In the Book of Common Prayer this Sunday before Advent is 'Christ the King' :Lord, in our human frailty & sinfulness we can so easily be spiritually blind - we look for You in earthquake, wind & fire when You are in the gentle whisper, IKings19:11-13. May we see Your Glory, Lord.

MONDAY 23 November 2015

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for & assurance about we do not see." Heb11:1a. Lord, in trembling & fear we hesitate at the brink of necessary leaps of faith into the unknown. Embolden ourselves & those we pray for with Your Holy Spirit that we may find Your glorious joy.

TUESDAY 24 November 2015

Drawing near to the throne of grace; to fix our eyes on Christ's glorious face ... to worship. If we say we are saved; shouldn't it change the way we behave ... always? If we repent from our sins; then why do we return again ... so carelessly? (continued.)

WEDNESDAY 25 November 2015

... Lord, help us please to abide in You; & live as those made new ... in Christ. Let us not just praise with lips; with hearts distant like hypocrites ... because this grieves You. Thank You, Lord, for saving us; help us to live with full trust ... in Your Word. (continued.)

THURSDAY 26 November 2015

... Turn our eyes from worthless things; incline our hearts to bring offerings ... that are worthy. As we draw near to You, Lord; grant us strength to know You more ... & love You better. Anon.

FRIDAY 27 November 2015

"Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river." Fanny Crosby SASB 115v3 (2015SASB178) ref Galatians6:14.

SATURDAY 28 November 2015

Tomorrow is 136th Corps anniversary. Lord, we have so very much to thank You for through these years as we acknowledge Your power compared with our weakness. We give You all the glory. In humility we pray for even more grace knowing there is much, much more to be done to win more of Gloucester for You. "I believe we shall win, if we fight in the strength of the King." SASB820 (2015-990).

SUNDAY 29 November 2015

Advent Sunday: Lord, may this season be one of growth as we expose ourselves & the public to the Gospel. Our musicians will try to reach as many people as possible in Your name - may Your Holy Spirit prepare us all by opening hearts to receive the Christ child.

MONDAY 30 November 2015

"Your Gospel, O Lord, is the hope for our nation ... It's the power of God for our salvation ... We ask not for riches, but look to the cross ... & for our inheritance give us the lost: You are the Lord. Send Your power, O Lord our God" 2015SASB365v2.

TUESDAY 01 December 2015

"I want to sing it, I want to shout it, I want to tell you all about it; The love of Jesus, the love of Jesus; it brings the glory to my soul! I can't compare it, I want to share it, I feel I really must declare it." Jov Webb 2015SASB370.

WEDNESDAY 02 December 2015

Our Corps will be working hard this season; musicians, junior musicians, collectors, parcel packers & carriers etc. Lord, we place all this at Your feet for You to bless & use for Your glory. We pray You grant us all the joy of knowing we are pleasing You & helping the poor.

THURSDAY 03 December 2015

We pray for people everywhere who have been bereaved of friends & loved ones & therefore face a lonely Christmas. We claim Your promise of comfort for those who mourn & that they will find consolation in Your Church family.

FRIDAY: 04 December 2015

We & the public will hear plenty of carols in the coming days. We pray You will empower our message & that we all shall turn to You through it & find new & deeper truths in the familiar words.

SATURDAY 05 December 2015

"... We've a great High Priest who's gone to heaven, Jesus the Son of God. Let us cling to Him & never stop trusting Him. This High Priest understands our weaknesses, for He faced all the same temptations we do, yet He didn't sin. So let's come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we'll receive His mercy & we'll find help when we need it." Heb4:14-16. Hallelujah! What a Saviour!



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PRAYER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2015



THIS MONTH'S CORPS FOLK TO PRAY FOR:-

Lionel Lodge

Irene Garwood

Karen Hurd Denise Martin

François Rouffet

Becky Elliott

Nathan Laidlow

Rachel Hardy Reuben Gyfford-Scott

Sharon Curtis

Edna Horlick

Dylan Hurd