

The prayers today are based on the lectionary readings for Sunday 14th.

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Gracious Lord we are thankful for your compassion and that you are there to guide and lead us, help us to show that same compassion and leadership to others especially those who feel lost, harassed and helpless.

Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

We pray Lord for those called to ministry and those who could be, but who need prompting, - help us to be an encouragement to others who might be workers for the harvest.

In our communities we pray for our farmers, especially those who are used to having an influx of workers from other countries to gather their crops. Lord we pray that a solution might be found.

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness

Jesus we thank you for all who work in our health service tasked with healing disease and sickness. We pray that they remain safe as they give themselves selflessly in the service of the sick and troubled. We pray for all those known to us who are suffering, or in need of prayer especially..... and ask that you will hold them in the hollow of your healing hand that they might be reassured of your love and comfort.

Freely you have received; freely give." Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep.

Lord help us to share the worlds resources wisely and to give of our comparative wealth. We pray for all foodbank volunteers and those who have to use the foodbanks. Especially at this time as the economic situation worsens we pray for those who worry about putting enough food on the table and find it hard to ask for help.

As you enter the home, give it your greeting. If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town

Lord we pray for those living in precarious situations; in houses where there is domestic abuse, overcrowding, or in poor conditions. We pray for the adults and children who are subject to violence and sexual assault trapped with the perpetrator.

“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged

Lord help us to remember your church in other countries were apart from the pandemic there are the added troubles of persecution, violence and war. Lord grant our world leaders grace and wisdom to work for all people.

We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. (Romans)

We pray for all who are suffering through the consequences of the current crisis in whatever way.

We also remember those who have suffered and lost their lives in recent times and ask Lord, your comfort and blessing on those that grieve their loss and have not been able to celebrate their loved-ones lives as they would have wanted.

Go to serve; go to love;
go to bring healing; go to bring peace;
go in the strength of the Father;
go in the power of Jesus;
go united by the Spirit.
Go – and know his grace.

Lord, you have called us to the privilege of service,
but we have failed to serve.

You have given us the blessing of peace,
but we have chosen discord.

You have loved as a shepherd tends his sheep,
but we have strayed from your way.

Forgive us, and show us the path of obedience and faithfulness
that your Son trod.

In his name, we pray.

Amen