

LARBERT WEST PARISH CHURCH



Lest We Forget

PRAYER FOCUS NOVEMBER 2018

“My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them”.

John 15: 12, 13

October

- Mon. 29th Take time to really look at the beautiful world we have around us and in a moment of peace and quiet from the activity of our everyday lives thank God for all that He has given us.
- Tues. 30th Thank God for all the earth has given us in recent months and remember all those who have worked the land that we can enjoy the food they produce.
- Wed. 31st Remember all those who have influenced our lives in the past and thank God for the Christian knowledge that has been passed down through each generation.

November

- Thurs. 1st Ask God to be with us when difficulties surround us and we can't see a way forward. Pray for those who need a sense of balance in their lives that they may find an inner peace.
- Fri. 2nd Today is often called "All Souls' Day" and it is an opportunity to remember and pray for those we have loved who have died.
- Sat. 3rd Pray for families that are finding life difficult. With so much technology around sometimes the communication in normal family life breaks down; children see so much on television and it's difficult for parents to say "no". Pray for those you know who are struggling.
- Sun. 4th **As we worship today, let us give thanks that we can do so openly and freely and remember those who have suffered in the past to give us that freedom. Think of those who don't have the same freedom to worship God.**
- Mon. 5th Pray for those who work under difficult circumstances; those who work shifts and can't enjoy normal family life; those who face danger at work; those who go to sea. Help us appreciate the work done by others,
- Tues. 6th Pray for the young people in our congregation that they may find new links with the Church. Help us support Larbert Churches Youth Trust in bringing young people to God.

- Wed. 7th Ask God to be with those in power who make the big decisions that affect all our lives. May God guide them in the work they do.
- Thurs. 8th Pray for all those who work in the NHS. Give thanks for the nursing staff and doctors but also remember the cleaners and porters and other workers on whom the NHS depends.
- Fri. 9th The weather is often a topic for discussion. Give thanks for our temperate climate and pray for those who have been affected by extreme weather patterns where homes and families have been destroyed. Give thanks for the support workers who have gone to their aid.
- Sat. 10th Pray for all those who work with children, especially social workers who have to make life-changing decisions for the children in their care. May all those who work with children find joy in their work and help lay strong foundations for their charges' future.
- Sun. 11th Today, Armistice Centenary coincides with Remembrance Sunday. On this special day give thanks for all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and also for those who returned to help shape the world we live in today.**
- Mon. 12th Pray for those who care for family members at home. Pray that they receive support and don't feel isolated and alone. Help us be aware of others' needs.
- Tues. 13th Today is National Kindness Day - may we give and receive kindness today. Give thanks for those who give of their time freely, especially those who work with the homeless and who support those battling with addiction.
- Wed. 14th Take time to think of all the good things that have happened to you in the past week. Thank God for his constancy and for answered prayer,
- Thurs. 15th Give thanks for all the people in the emergency services who are ever ready to help us in time of need.

- Fri. 16th Give thanks for friendship and pray for friends who have need of support at this time. Pray for the lonely who have need of friendship and ask that we become aware when help is required.
- Sat. 17th In this constantly changing world we have the security of knowing God is the same. Pray that we keep our faith in Him and strive to do His will.
- Sun. 18th **Give thanks for all the volunteer drivers who Sunday by Sunday bring those who require transport to Church. Remember people who drive for a living and ask God to keep them safe.**
- Mon. 19th As we go about our busy lives give thought to those who are not able to do the things we can; those who are disabled, physically or mentally; those who are frightened to leave their homes; those who are receiving treatment in hospital. Ask God to be with them in their daily lives.
- Tues. 20th Give thanks for the joy that music brings and for Harry and the choir who faithfully lead our singing on Sundays.
- Wed. 21st Pray for those who have a big decision to make in life. It may be a call to take up the ministry or follow a career path they had not previously chosen. May God guide them in their decision.
- Thurs. 22nd As winter approaches give thanks for the warmth of our homes, the lighting and cooking facilities. Give thanks too for the people who work round the clock to provide these things for us.
- Fri. 23rd Pray for people who live in exile from their home and family. May they soon be able to return to their own people.
- Sat. 24th Thank God for all He has done for you. Take a moment to count your blessings and build your trust in God.
- Sun. 25th **Today, as we worship as a congregation, let us pray that God will guide us in building a future for Larbert West within the Larbert community.**

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