

Holy Father we come to you in loving trust, may we in these moments of prayer know the peace and love of your Holy Spirit and open our hearts and minds to listen for your calm still voice.

In your name we ask

Amen

**Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

**Psalm 100 v.3**

Loving Father, as the season changes into autumn we thank you for the colours of the changing leaves, the ripening corn and all the fruits of harvest. Thank you Father for all those who work on the land. At this time we pray for those where there is famine and poverty and people are without food. Inspire us to give generously and to share in the ways open to us to relieve the distress of others.

Amen

**As long as the earth endures,  
Seedtime and harvest,  
Cold and heat,  
summer and winter,  
day and night  
will never cease.**

**Genesis Ch.8 v. 22**

Father of all we pray for the family of your church on earth, may we remember anew that we are your servants. Refresh us with your Holy Spirit that whatever stage we are in our lives, whether young or old, we may radiate your love that through us in our daily lives your love will be made known to those we meet. Give us wisdom to accept this responsibility.

Amen

**By this all will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.**

**John Ch. 13 v. 35**

Father of peace, we pray for the leaders of the world whose decisions and leadership affect the lives of many, we ask that they be given wisdom, knowledge and integrity to work together for peace. We bring before you those who live in fear and poverty, the victims of war and natural disasters. In the midst of turmoil may they hear your still voice of calm.

We pray in your name

Amen

**He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.**

**2 Samuel Ch.22 v.31**

Thank you Father for your daily gifts, may we have understanding to recognise them in the busyness of our lives.

We pray for those who lives are no longer active because of age, lack of mobility and illness, may they feel the presence of your peace, love and know all are precious in your sight.

In your name we pray

**For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**Psalm 100 v. 5**

Loving Father we bring into your presence all those who minister in your name. The leaders of the church throughout the world and we pray for those who minister in your name in the Elstow Benefice, guide them and direct us to serve you, to work together in Christian love and to put aside negative thoughts and emotions to witness to your name in unity and peace.

With sincere hearts we pray

Amen

**For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.**

**Isaiah Ch. 41 v. 13**

Father of all we pray for those involved in education and thank you for the gift of learning. We pray for those who care for others. Thank you for the gift of knowledge in medical research and your gift of healing. Thank you for all involved in agriculture, thank you for the harvest, the food we eat and your

many bounteous gifts. May we be aware in our daily lives of your unfailing love and reflect your love in our thoughts, words and actions.

In your name

Amen

**Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.**

**Colossians Ch. 4 v.2**

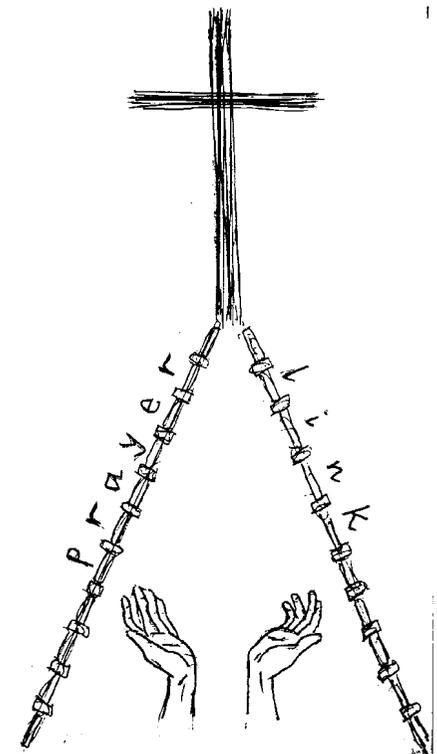
Lord we pray for courage to face each day, we pray for your presence in all we say and do. When we falter or doubt may we remember you are our Holy Father and you will hold us in the palm of your hand.

Thank you for this time of prayer

Amen

**Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.**

**Colossians Ch. 3 v. 12**



**THE THREE BENEFICES  
CHURCH FAMILIES  
PRAYER LINK**

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I will be glad and trust in your  
love.  
Psalm 31 v.7**