

## **Prayers 1 November**

### **In response to the message**

Gracious and loving God, thank you for making those who repent and trust in you, saints, through Jesus' saving work on the cross. Thank you for your love lavished on us, by which we are made your children. Thank you for our connection with all saints both now living AND with those who are now in your presence. May we continue to live in the light of their example and purify ourselves with the help of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **COVID-19**

We ask you in your kindness Lord, to intervene and help bring this virus under control especially in the many countries overseas where things seem out of control. We pray today for all those who have been infected – please help them fight the disease and may they be spared long term effects. We pray for the families and friends of all those who have died, that they may know your comfort in their grief. Above all Lord, we pray that as people are confronted with their mortality and the fragility of life, they may be led to ask the deep questions of life, and by your kindness, turn to you and find life and forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

### **For our church**

Lord of the church, please refresh and renew your church – refresh and renew us your people. Show us where we need to change. Teach us your Word. Excite us again about the gospel. Equip us in and for your service. Please strengthen our clergy and lay ministers for their work but also show each of us how we may best serve you. Send your blessing on our three people preparing for ordination in December and please send more young ministers to fill our parishes who are currently without ministers. And please Lord, knowing we are missing generations of younger people in our churches, please show us how to reach them with the good news of your Son; for we ask it in his name. **Amen.**

### **For the sick, the bereaved, the dying**

Loving Lord, we bring before you those we love who are hurting today. For those doing it tough because of the pandemic; for the unemployed or under-employed; for health workers struggling with the stresses and strains caused by the virus; for the frail and elderly anxious about the disease; for church leaders waiting on new health directives. Father give to each one, patience, wisdom and the assurance of your presence. Help them to lift their eyes to you as their refuge and strength, in the certainty that you are our very present help in trouble. All this we ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**