

## **CHRIST CHURCH PARBOLD**

### **Prayertime for the Day (week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> October)**



1. **Prayer to our Amazing God**

Creator of all, Sustainer of all, Saviour of all, Your glory and majesty are beyond our understanding, Your power too awesome to behold. And yet your love enfolds us as a gentle breeze. Saviour of all, Sustainer of all, Creator of all, we bless your holy name *(faith & worship.com)*

2. **Church of England prayer for the week.**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

3. **A prayer of thanks.**

Thank you that we can bring to your feet all the hurts and fears that trouble us, and leave them there, knowing that your strength and assurance are all that we require. Thank you that as we draw near in worship, we are transported from a world of concerns and fears, to a place where we can be at peace in your presence, find healing, wholeness and refreshment. Thank you Lord God for the opportunity of worship *(faith & worship.com)*

4. **A prayer about our calling.**

We are a chosen people, A family people, Chosen for love and to share love, Chosen for joy and to spread joy, Chosen for friendship and for befriending, Chosen for blessing and to bless, Chosen for fruitfulness, Chosen for harvest. We are a chosen people, A family people, Your family, Our family. *(faith & worship.com)*

5. **God's presence in these difficult times.**

In our anxiety, fear and uncertainty, when hearts are heavy with the load we bear, and there is no one to turn toward but you; yours is the peace that calms, the peace that comforts, the peace that gives us strength to carry on. Yours is the voice we long to hear, the persistent whisper in our ear, 'Be still, and know that I am God'. Yours is the presence in the dark that banishes our fears. Yours is the hand that guides, the footprints in which I walk. In our anxiety, fear and uncertainty, in confidence we turn to you. *(faith & worship.com)*

6. **Lift to God anyone you know that need a healing touch from His Holy Spirit. And pray for all our NHS workers, Schoolteachers and schoolchildren for safety and protection.**

### **Song:**

On Easter Sunday morning when we were in complete lockdown, I walked up to church from Hildale and it was in complete silence – not a single vehicle passed me on the hill and I saw no-one until my journey home when I met another walker. All I heard were the birds singing. That evening, Andrea Bocelli streamed online an Easter concert called Music for Hope from Milan Cathedral and sang Amazing Grace while they showed pictures from around major cities – all deserted and silent – truly an amazing and unique time:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpXwOSHTwsY>

**Merciful Father,  
Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son Our Saviour, Jesus  
Christ. Amen**



## **BIBLE PASSAGES - giving thanks**

"O Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods." Ps. 95:1-3

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." Ps. 100:4-5

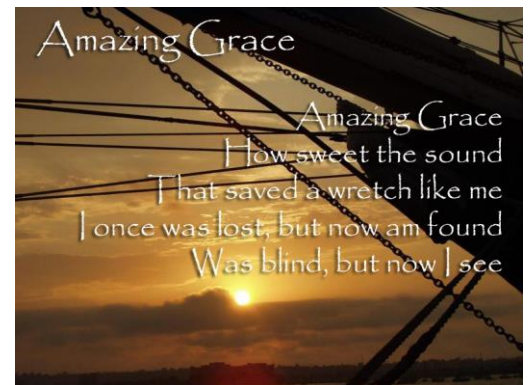
"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever." Ps. 118:29

"I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Ps. 9:1

"I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High." Ps. 7:17

## **AMAZING GRACE**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.



This wonderful hymn was written by John Newton (1725-1807).

Once the captain of a slave ship, Newton converted to Christianity after an encounter with God when his ship was caught in a fierce storm and he finally surrendered to God. After his conversion, he eventually left the sea and became an ordained Anglican minister at the age of 39.

The change in Newton's life was radical. Not only did he become an evangelical minister for the Church of England, but he also fought slavery as a social justice activist. Newton inspired and encouraged William Wilberforce (1759-1833), who fought to abolish slave trading in England.

There is a very interesting documentary about John Newton and his life which gives a lot more about information on YouTube called Amazing Grace- the story about the song – it lasts about 15 minutes – here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8m8AHHduTM0>