

The hand of kindness.



Have you a hand to give!

Prayers taken from: *New Parish Prayers.*
(*I want to walk like Jesus.*)



**St Mary's
Lutterworth**



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Cotesbach**



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***POWER
OF
PRAYER***

***PRAYER FOCUS AND DIARY
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SUNDAY COLLECTS SEPTEMBER 2020

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life in
Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



*If I walk in Jesus' love
I will share his love with you
I'll be your friend
Even when love is hard to do.*

FRIDAY

Colossians 3 verse 17.

- - - Whatever you do,
whether in word
or deed, do it all
in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the
Father through him.



God our Father, so possess our hearts, guide our minds
and strengthen our wills, that we may give ourselves to
you in thankfulness and love, and be used in the service
of your kingdom; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

SATURDAY

Colossians 4 verse 2.



Give us grace, Almighty Father, to address you with all our
hearts as well as with our lips.

You are everywhere present:
from you no secrets can be hidden.

Teach us to fix our thoughts on you, reverently and with love,
so that our prayers are not in vain, but are acceptable to you,
now and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY

Colossians 3 verse 13.

Bear
with each
other
and
forgive
whatever
grievances
you may
have
against
one
another.
Forgive
as the
Lord
forgave
YOU.



Heavenly Father, we confess how often we disobey what we know to be your will; how often we forget you and leave you out of our lives; how often we are too blind to know our sins, too proud to admit them, too indifferent to make amends. We confess how half-hearted and unworthy we are as members of your Church and as your witnesses before men. In your mercy, O Lord, forgive us our sins, and give us honest, humble and penitent hearts, for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

SEPTEMBER PRAYER FOCUS



*Father of all mercies,
we bless you for our creation.
The life we possess is your gift:
we hold it in trust from you.
Teach us to value it and to use it to the full.
For we have but one life to live on earth,
one life in which to glorify you,
to serve your Church,
to advance your kingdom,
to help other people.
Lord, show us what to do with our life,
and let us not live to be useless. Amen.*

SUNDAY

2 Colossians 1 verse 16.

- - - by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth - - - all things were created by him and for him..

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers.

We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for posterity.

Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honour and glory of your name, now and for ever. Amen.



MONDAY

Colossians 2 verses 6 & 7.

Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.



O Lord our God, we praise you, we bless you, we give you thanks for your immeasurable goodness to those who believe in you.

We thank you for having loved us to the point of having sent your Son to redeem us.

In him we have seen your face, in him we have heard your Word.

Through him we have received your Spirit and become your children.

From him we have known your plan and learned to call you Father.

For your immeasurable goodness to us, for the love that draws us together and unites us, we praise you, we bless you, we give you thanks, O Lord our God. Amen.

TUESDAY

Colossians 3 verse 2.



Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things.

O God, whose kingdom is not of this world and yet is found among us where Christ is named as Lord, teach us to set your kingdom above all self-interest and the personal ambitions which captivate our hearts.

Help us to seek and serve it in quiet ways, that we may stand firm as your loyal and faithful subjects when trouble comes; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEDNESDAY

Colossians 3 verse 12.

- - - - clothe yourselves with compassion,



**kindness,
humility,
gentleness
and
patience.**

Grant to us, Lord, lives marked by faithfulness, by gentleness and self-control; by patience, kindness and goodness towards all we meet; and by love, joy, peace within our hearts.

So may the Spirit of Christ bear fruit in us; for his name's sake. Amen.