

*Thank you to all those who lead the Intercessions for the beautiful prayers they compose. These were given at Christ Church Walmsley last Sunday by Andy Pearson*

**Dear Lord, we thank you for the strength and fellowship we continue to provide each other and those around us. We pray for resilience, patience, understanding and awareness as we cope with the restrictions in our lives**

**We pray for health services and health workers throughout the world as they provide the defence the world needs. Help us to recognise the impact the past 8 months have had on their lives and particularly their mental health, as they prepare themselves for the coming months. Father, help us to draw on their selfless example and guide all in our communities to take responsibility in supporting their unstinting efforts.**

**Hear us as we pray for all in our local community. We pray for those people who have yet to find and accept you into their lives. May the veil be lifted from their lives and your light shine out in their darkness.**

**Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours; that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as He loves us.**



***We would love to hear from you with favourite prayers and reflections that are important to you. Please send them to [dawn@walmsleyparish.org](mailto:dawn@walmsleyparish.org)***

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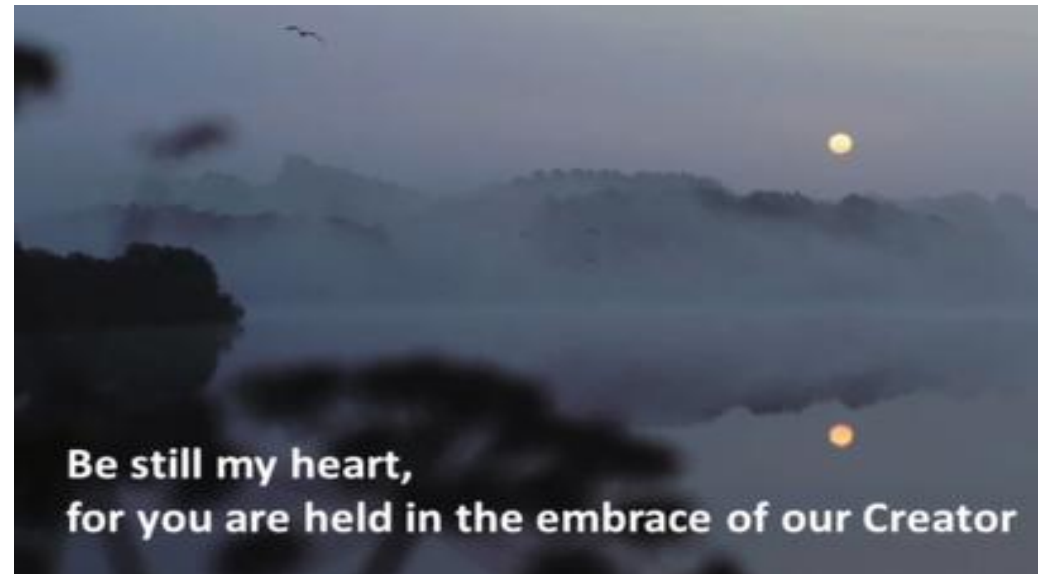
## **Prayers for w/c 1 November** **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

Christ Church & St Andrew's  
Walmsley Bromley Cross

**Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship in the mystical  
body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love  
you;  
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.**

*~ The Collect for this day of 'All souls' ~*

*One of the reflections shared across the Turton Moorland Team:*



*These prayers were given at the Intercessions during the mid-week service at Christ Church Walmsley by Pamela Marden:*

**Father God, you command us in Revelations to come boldly to your throne. So we come before you now, boldly, joyfully, confidently and expectantly. Prayer is a gift to share. As we pray, create in us a spirit of faith, not fear; a new spirit of joy and strength.**

***THE JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH.***

**In this season of distress and uncertainty, it is so easy for us to become full of fear, anxiety and hopelessness. But you command and encourage us to be joyful. Thank you for your promise – in Psalm 1:1 – that obeying you in all things brings us great joy. So we can choose to be joyful, to be hopeful, to follow you more closely, to seek more of you in our daily lives, to read and meditate on your holy word, day by day, and come to understand and believe. Thank you that the presence of your Holy Spirit in our lives produces joy, a fruit of your Holy Spirit.**

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**Create and inspire in us a joyful and thankful spirit, so that we, your people, will be enabled to continue to encourage each other. Keep us sharp, sensitive and surrendered to you in all things; not as a last resort but as a first response.**

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**Thank you, living Father God, for your promise in Revelations 21:4 that, 'In heaven there will be only joy'. Thank you for your promise to heal the broken hearted, bringing before you all those who mourn and grieve the death of a loved one. Thank you for your words of comfort and assurance, that nothing can separate us from your love, and for the powerful truth that death is not the end, but the beginning of everlasting life. The hope of heaven is God's solution to sorrow.**

***Merciful Father: accept these prayers,***

***for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.***

*Prayers from Chris Foster, shared in the online service:*

***Loving Heavenly Father, in these troubled times when we may feel anxious, help us to turn to your words of comfort in scripture and find your peace - the peace of God which passes all understanding. From that favourite hymn, 'Lord for the years', we sing in our hearts...***

***Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us  
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze  
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.***

**Loving Lord, we pray for our nation and for your healing hand upon this destructive virus. Please help us to encourage others to pray but above all Lord, we ask that YOU will speak to US. As your children worldwide we have acted selfishly and spoiled your creation. Please speak to our hearts and, as in psalm 86, "Teach us thy ways O Lord that we might walk in your truth."**

**We pray for children everywhere especially in war-torn areas of the world where COVID makes their situation so much worse and for refugees and asylum seekers - and we pray for ourselves and each other Lord, for however we might be feeling.**

**Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Amen.**

Beautiful daily prayers from Bill Braviner in his [#MorningPrayer](#):  
May we reveal in our lives the love God pours into our hearts, and so share His blessings with others. Amen.

***As citizens of your kingdom, Lord, may we be read always to give an account of our faith, our relationship with you; give us boldness and confidence to share your gospel, to reveal in our lives the love you pour into our hearts, to share your blessings with others.***