

## ***Prayers for 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2021***

O Lord, our God, we gather today to give you thanks and praise for your greatness.

You are an awesome God. Your power is limitless, your wisdom is unparalleled, your grace is overwhelming, and your love is never failing.

You promised that you will never leave or forsake us and at this time we quieten our minds to worship you in spirit and in truth.

***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer***

Father your word says that “Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. Because of this, we come to you today with an emerging hope, knowing that with you, all things are possible.

***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer***

Lord, forgive us when we are either too hard or too easy on ourselves. Help us to recognise how you have called and gifted us differently from each other. Encourage us to commend and appreciate each other without despising or judging anyone. For this kindness will bring unity, peace, love and tranquillity in the church, our community and society as a whole. Embolden each one of us to be our full authentic selves, as opposed to striving to be like others.

***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer***

Holy Spirit send your peace into our world. Give our leaders the spirit to focus on what is right. Help them to think about what is important and give them wisdom to proceed with caution as we progress through this time of change in our country.

***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer***

***Father we end this time of prayer with the words of the following poem by Howard Thurman:***

Open unto me — light for my darkness.  
Open unto me — courage for my fear.  
Open unto me — hope for my despair.  
Open unto me — peace for my turmoil.  
Open unto me — joy for my sorrow.  
Open unto me — strength for my weakness.  
Open unto me — wisdom for my confusion.  
Open unto me — forgiveness for my sins.  
Open unto me — love for my hates.  
Open unto me — thy Self for my self  
Lord, Lord, open unto me.

***Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen***

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