

Prayers for the 8th September 2024

As we come together in prayer now; Lord Jesus teach us to pray.

At the start of the new academic year, we pray for all those making a new start. For Teachers and Lecturers, for pre-schoolers and University students. Please give courage and comfort to those leaving home for the first time.

As children step into a new class or school, guide them and protect them. Help them to stand firm and grow in their faith and lead them into good friendships.

We pray that you will bless the work of UCCF, Scripture Union, Gideons CIS and all Christians going into schools to lead assemblies and share the love of Jesus.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

Father God, as lots of our church groups and activities start again after the Summer break, may we see you doing a new thing in and through us. Help our hearts and minds to rest in you, may we be restored and our lives be re-storied. Lead us into a new chapter where you are the major character. We pray for all those that lead us, for Jenni and her team, give them strength and wisdom, sustain them through your Grace and mercy.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit we pray for our Church. Fill us and equip us. Teach us to pray and never give up; to persist in prayer until we see your kingdom come and your will be done. May those in our church family and wider community, know for certain your enduring presence. Miracle working Jesus, may we see lives changed and healed by your power and love.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

Father God, you promise never to leave us or forsake us. Thank you that in our darkest times you are our light. Thank you for your Grace and Mercy, which remains with us through even the toughest times. Thank you for your presence, Lord give us hope and strength to cope with times of sickness, disappointment, great loss, pain, fear and heartbreak. Heavenly Father comfort and draw close to all your children for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

Let us pray the Sabbath prayer used every Sunday in Lectio365:

May this day bring Sabbath rest to my heart and home

May God's image in me be restored, and my imagination in God be re-storied

May the gravity of material things be lightened, and the relativity of time slow down.

May I know grace to embrace my own finite smallness in the arms of God's infinite greatness

May God's word feed me and his Spirit lead me into the week and into the life to come.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.