

Eccleshall Parish

Intercessions

2 October 2022

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.

Amen.



Intercessions for this Sunday
received with thanks from Barbara Dodd:

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. "'

Lord our God, we pray for your church throughout the world and especially in this place. At this harvest time, help us to reach out to our communities, to plant seeds and in due time to look for a harvest of souls.

Loving God, in this time of a global food crisis, we pray for those we do not have enough to eat. We think of the many lands where drought, floods, war have resulted in a poor harvest or no harvest at all.

Help us, who are blessed with so much, to be generous in our giving. Give us grace to use your gifts rightly to your glory, for our own well being and for the relief of those in need.

Lord, we pray for everyone who is involved in the cultivation, production, delivery and retail of our food supplies. We particularly remember our farmers who have worked hard in difficult circumstances to provide us with food to eat and who are hit by the current rising costs. We remember all who are worried about making ends meet to feed and care for their families. Guide our leaders as they seek to find solutions to these severe problems.

Merciful Lord, we bring before you those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. In a moment of silence, we remember those known to us. May they know the comfort of your presence with them.

Gracious God, increase our faith and confidence, so that when you call for us to be the workers in the harvest field, we know that you will equip us for the tasks laid out before us, and together, we can sow precious seeds into soil prepared and waiting, that will in your perfect timing, blossom and produce a harvest of much fruit.

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

