



**Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd,
Poitou-Charentes**

FIRST, *Jubilate* wishes to steal some space.

1. The monthly **Prayer Meeting** of the Chaplaincy will be held at 2.30 pm on Monday **5th** September in the Church of Christ the Good Shepherd, Chef Boutonne

2. The Chaplaincy service to celebrate **HARVEST** will **NOT** be in October (as stated in last weekend's magazine).

Instead, it **WILL** be held on **Sunday 11th September** at 11.00.am in our Church in Chef Boutonne.

3. **GOOD NEWS** Nicky has successfully raised the necessary funds to send our refugee donations to Calais. **So any last minute donations for this shipment must be brought to either the service at Corcelles 4th September or Cognac 11th September.**



TOGETHER IN PRAYER

September 2022

These thoughts and prayers are offered to you as a supplement to your daily devotions.

Monthly Prayer from Mothers' Union Prayer Diary

God of creation, Lord of the harvest, we bring You our first fruits of praise. We celebrate Your goodness with thankful hearts. All You have made, is very good. Let us steward Your creation with integrity and care. Amen.

1st Father God, we give You thanks and praise for the many blessings You bestow upon us, our families, friends and neighbours; day by day, week by week, You are and always will be, our unfailing, faithful, unreserved, redeemer and friend. "Thank You, Thank You Lord"

2nd Heavenly Father, thank You, for Your grace and mercy. Please help us to live in the present and to trust You, more each day. We pray today, for the work of the farmers and fishermen of your world; O Bountiful Father, they strive, tend and care for, Your precious land and sea, which provides food and the means to nourish us. Thank You Lord, for all the good gifts You give to us.

3rd All things, come from You Father, we thank You for Your bountiful provision. May we take care of and respect our fragile world and its people.

4th We bring before You today, Father, ourselves and our fellow worldwide church family, praying especially for a sharing of faith, fellowship and worship together, especially here in the Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd, Poitou Charentes. We pray for good health and well being for Carolyn, members of our PCC and all your disciples who lead, guide and support us on our faith journey. Lord we pray that, in faith and fellowship, we become beacons for Your kingdom.

5th Prayer is our pathway to You O Lord; we pray that You will continue guiding us along its twists and turns, until we come with joy into Your eternal presence.

6th We bring before You, O Healing Father: all those who have asked us to uphold them in prayer; those who are near and dear to us. You know intimately, Father, each and everyone, who suffers in mind body and spirit. We pray, that Your healing Spirit will be with them all, that they feel Your nearness in and around them.

7th We pray today for those who live in fear of any kind. We pray for justice for those who are persecuted; we pray for an end to their unimaginable situations. We pray Father that peace and contentment will reign, today and always in our homes, in our communities and throughout the world,

8th *On international Literacy Day, we pray, that across the world the Mothers' Union programme for literacy and development will be accessed. Environmental issues face us daily, we pray for the transforming power of Your gospel to renew us.*

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Mothers' Union Prayer diary 2022.

9th *Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow men throughout the world, who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them, through our hands, this day their daily bread and by our understanding love, give peace and joy.*

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

10th Upholding to You, most gracious God, the work of the many many charities who work relentlessly for the peoples of Your world who are in dire straits and in greatest need. We give thanks and praise for their practical support, care, concern and encouragement. May we be prayerful for their success and to be moved to support their work, in any small way we can.

11th We pray to You, Father God, for those who are in government and positions of authority over lands and nations. We ask that they rule with the fruit of Your Spirit. May they recognise the power and influence they have and set it for the common good for all Your people throughout the world.

12th Lord Jesus, help us and guide us through this day; to be thoughtful, kind and gentle to one another. Help us to see, hear and understand each other's differences, not to be judgemental and to live in peace and harmony with all.

13th Father God, we pray that everything in our lives may be in accordance with Your will and purpose.

14th *Father, I am seeking: I am hesitant and uncertain, but will You O God, watch over each step of mine and watch over me.*

St Augustine (354- 430)

15th Our prayer for today, is that we keep on listening to You, Father God; that our actions mirror those of Christ Jesus and our hearts are stirred up to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

16th We bring before You O Lord, all people who work in hospitals, medical and care facilities, throughout the world. For those whose calling is to bring comfort, care and relief to all who are ill, infirm and are unable to look after themselves. There are many whose very life depends on these dedicated people. We know You are within and without them Lord. We give thanks for their expertise, skill, patience, energy and enthusiasm for the work they do.

17th **“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be Glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen”**

Ephesians

3:20-21

18th Let us give thanks to our creator God for the abundant blessings He lavishes upon us. Help us to remember, Lord, that You provide for us; may we always trust You completely in all situations.

19th Lord may we be reminded today to live simply, so that others may simply live. May we share Your bounty, with our neighbours, in generosity, with love and gratitude.

20th Father God, we ask You for forgiveness for our sins; make us ready and willing to forgive others.

21st Father God, may we bring You, in all circumstances, into our lives. May we give You the first greeting every morning, the first thanks at every meal, the first response to every pleasure and joy; may You be our first consideration in every moment of our days. Lord we pray You, be our all in all, today and always.

22nd **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever, Amen.**

23rd We bring before You Father, all homeless people for the daily adversity and unimaginable challenges they face. We pray for their protection and safety. Give us the grace to open our hearts to their plight and help in any way we can.

24th Father, we ask You to bless and guide the family of our Chaplaincy. We give thanks for all our gifts and talents, praying, that we use them in accordance to Your Will, that we might be beacons of hope, thus furthering Your Kingdom here in rural France.

25th Lord, You made this wondrous universe for our joy, for our pleasure, for our every need. You have made us guardians of everything that You made. We ask You for wisdom and understanding of the fragile nature of our world, praying that we may be good stewards of all our precious resources.

26th *“Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death; victory is ours through Him who loves us.”*
Bishop Desmond Tutu.

27th Dear God, we thank You for the experiences, wisdom and guidance of our older generation; make us more aware of how and what we can learn from them.

28th Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the field exult and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His faithfulness.

Psalm 39: 11-13.

29th As we begin this new day, Lord, we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all we do and say.

30th You, O Lord, know all our strengths and all our weaknesses. Having a strong faith can sometimes be testing and challenging; especially when we try to control our own lives and the situations that we are in.

May we feel Your presence in and around us, Lord. Make us more aware; strengthen our faith, our belief; allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us. Through Your word, in our discernment of Your purpose

for our lives, may we learn to trust in the gospel, to be good disciples,