

Hinckley United Reformed Church
Prayers for week beginning 14th October 2024

Harvest intercessions -

Loving Lord, at this harvest time we thank you for all the good things you give us.

We thank you for creating this beautiful earth and all the varied life forms within it. Forgive us for having recklessly exploited it and depleted its resources.

We confess to you our failure to be wise stewards of this world. Help us to recognise the interdependence of all of life and turn away from self-interests and greed, to protect the climate and the life which depends on it. May we live in such a way that we do not rob others of the means to live.

Help us to protect your creation, so that there will be clean water, clean air and plenty of wild birds, mammals and insects, to maintain the ecological balance of our countryside.

Lord of the harvest: hear our prayer

We give thanks for all who work on land and sea to provide our daily food. We pray for farmers in all parts of the world who have planted the seed and tended the crops and the fruit of whose labours we enjoy. Grant that they may receive a fair return for their labour and hope for the future with a stable climate.

We pray too for those who process and distribute our food and for ourselves, that we may shop wisely and with thought for others.

Lord of the harvest: hear our prayer

Father God, we are mindful that while we are well fed and nourished there are many who are short of food, whose harvests have failed for lack of rain or whose livelihood has been destroyed by war, inhumanity and exploitation. Bless the development agencies who are seeking to redress the balance and bring peace and justice where there is want, discord and destruction.

Give us generous hearts that from our riches we may increasingly give our support to those working among the poor and under-privileged in the world, and keep us ever mindful of our Lord's command to love our neighbours — whether close at hand or in the wider world.

Lord of the harvest: hear our prayer

We pray for the homeless and those who depend on the charity of others. We pray for the work of local foodbanks, providing food for those in need. Help us to share the harvests of the world more fairly, so everyone can be fed and there will be no more starvation. We particularly lift-up the children of the Middle East at this time, as we hear of little children dying of malnutrition.

Loving Father, you are the source of all life and giver of all that is good; hear our prayers and grant us all that is in accordance with your will.

Lord of the harvest: hear our prayer

In Jesus Name we pray, Amen