

DEANERY PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

November sees the Diocesan Day of Prayer, and so we ask you to focus this month, on the theme of this event — prayer for renewal in the communities of our diocese.



The following guidance is provided by the diocesan prayer team:

There are many signs of renewal around us within the communities of our diocese. As you pray on 17th and 18th November, thank God for them and ask for God's wisdom to help us fan the flames of the Spirit. Our Diocesan strategy 'Changed Lives Changing Lives' helps us to identify five areas of ministry we could focus our prayer on:

- * with those on the edge of society
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 - with teenagers
 - with lay and ordained leaders
 - enabling mission initiatives
 - fostering deeper prayer

Excellent resources have been put together to help us to pray about these areas. These can be found on the diocesan website, at

https://www.canterburydiocese.org/media/dayofprayer/guide_bw.pdf

Whilst this prayer guide suggests a framework with which to pray through the 24 hours of 12.30, 17th-12.30, 18th November, it may not be possible for everyone to commit to this intensive period, and so this prayer guide could equally well be used to guide our prayers through the whole month of November. Bible readings are given as stimuli, with prayer themes and suggested prayer activities to use with each one. Below are some prayer themes you may like to use, to pray for our communities:

- **1 Corinthians 3:5-17** We pray for discernment of the solid foundation with which Christ has gifted the church; for the affirmation of where the church is being renewed and growing - both spiritually and numerically.

Think about those people who have had a positive influence within your church and thank God for them.

- **Luke 14:15-24** We pray for those in our community who feel invisible, that they might become visible, their voices heard and our meal tables shared.

Pray for the people you know or see in your community who might feel invisible. What could you do on your own or with others to help them be seen?

- **Acts 10** We pray for our churches to excel in being communities of respect, love, peace, admonishment, encouragement, help, patience, good, rejoicing, prayer and thanksgiving.

What renewal will you pray for in your church?

Please visit the website, or ask in your church for printed copies of the full resources, and add your voice to the community of prayer throughout our diocese, this month.