

Hemblington Friends

Readings for Morning Prayers 21st – 25th September

This week our readings and prayers are centred around the theme of harvest, which seems an appropriate way to mark six months of our weekly readings and prayers together.

I would also like to challenge each of us... that each day this week we look back and try to remember something or someone that has been a blessing to us on our Christian journey and to remember and thank God for the memory. By the end of the week we shall have counted our blessings and the harvest in our lives.

Monday Genesis 8: 15-22 & 9: 8-16
God's promise with the rainbow

Prayer Merciful God, we thank you for the seasons of the earth, for seedtime and harvest and for your covenant with humanity and all creation. As we live day to day, help us to cherish and respect the earth and the creatures you have given us, using and not abusing your gifts. Amen

Tuesday Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 Blessing and obedience

Prayer Father God, you have led and guided us, even before we knew you. Help us to look back and remember your goodness and blessing with thankfulness. Amen

Wednesday Deuteronomy 28: 1-14 Blessing and obedience

Prayer Generous God, we thank you for future promises of blessing. Help us to acknowledge our part in giving our hearts to you in joyful obedience and not taking you or your gifts for granted. Amen

Thursday Hosea 10: 12 A warning about what we harvest

Prayer Father God, help us to take stock of how we live and how we treat others. Give us honest eyes to see what needs to be put right and help us to do it. As we reap what we sow, let us sow what is good and wholesome and true and reap a harvest of blessing. Amen

Friday Isaiah 55: 10-13 Blessing and joy

Prayer Father God, thank you for your Word - in Scripture and in the incarnate example of your Son, Jesus. Open our ears and our hearts to receive your word, to cherish it and to let it grow within us, that day by day, we may be made more into the likeness of Jesus our Lord, master, brother and friend. Amen

Saturday Psalm 65: 9-13 God's faithfulness

Prayer Generous God, we praise you for the abundance of the earth's harvest and for all your continuing goodness to us. We pray for those who are suffering storms, fires and earthquakes; whose lands do not bear fruit, whose livestock are dying ; we pray for those who live in poverty and who are driven from their homes by famine or war. Have mercy on them Lord, and help them; inspire us to give aid wherever we can out of our abundance. Amen