

Our theme for October 2019
is
Thanksgiving for the good gifts we have around us.

Creation

Tuesday October 1st: Genesis 1

Praise God for the amazing world that we live in – its incredible beauty, variety and consistency. Pray for those who will struggle to appreciate that beauty today in the busyness and challenge of their lives.

Wednesday October 2nd: Jeremiah 2

Pray for the damage that has been done to the world we live in as a result of man's ignorance and neglect.

Thursday October 3rd: Genesis 2

We have been instructed to work and look after the earth. Pray for all those who are involved in environmental issues and climate change, that they may advocate our responsibility for the world we live in.

Friday October 4th: Psalm 104

Praise God for the varied and individual nature of the seasons. Pray for those around the world who cannot appreciate this harvest season and do not have enough to eat.

Saturday October 5th: Ruth 2

As the Israelites were instructed to leave the left over harvest in the fields for the poor and the stranger, pray for the work of our foodbanks who distribute what is often left over from our supermarkets, that their volunteers may offer the same care and concern to those going through difficult times.

Sunday October 6th: Leviticus 25

Take time during today, or plan a spot in your diary, for rest and relaxation. Pray for those who cannot rest, through greed, habit or necessity.

Monday October 7th: Romans 8:28-39

Give thanks that God supplies all that we need materially and spiritually, praying that we would be willing to share what we have with others.

Other Gifts

Tuesday October 8th: Psalm 91 - Shelter

Thank God for the warmth and protection of our homes and pray for those who have no home or whose home is not a place of security and welcome.

Wednesday October 9th: Exodus 16 - Food

God provides enough resources for all the food that the world needs. Pray for a fairer distribution of that produce and for all who are hungry today.

Thursday October 10th: Luke 10 - Companionship

Thank God for the companions he has given us to share our lives and his Gospel with. Pray today for those who are lonely and who rarely see a friendly face.

Friday October 11th: Matthew 6:25-34 - Possessions

We live in a world of countless styles, colours and fashion in clothes. Pray for those who feel pressure to conform to popular culture and their peers. Pray for self esteem and freedom to choose to be their own person.

Saturday October 12th: Proverbs 2 - Intelligence

Thank the Lord for giving us active and enquiring minds. Pray for our young people, that they will have role models in their families, churches and communities from whom they can learn.

Sunday October 13th: Romans 12 - Teachers

Paul encourages the active use of the gifts that we have. Pray today for those whose gift is teaching, thinking particularly of the workload and the challenges they face in schools today, giving thanks for their energy and commitment.

Monday October 14th: Matthew 9: 18-38 - Medical Profession

Jesus healed the sick in body and mind. Thank God today for the wonderful work that the NHS carries out each day and the skills of the medical staff. Pray for the constant dilemmas they face with the distribution of funds.

Family, Friends and Community

Tuesday October 15th: Colossians 3

There are all sorts of shapes and sizes of family. Pray that love, which not only cares for and supports, but encourages, respects and gently disciplines may be at the centre of family life.

Wednesday October 16th: Proverbs 1

Take a few minutes to reflect on the many pressures parents face today – financial, social and/or emotional. Pray that they may understand the importance of their role and the courage and support they need to carry it out to the best of their ability.

Thursday October 17th: 1 Timothy 4

The commandments instruct children to obey their parents. Pray today that the wisdom and the voices of young people will also be heard, respected and valued across the world.

Friday October 18th: 1 Thessalonians 3

Take some time to pray for members of the church family at Wellesley, that relationships will continue to deepen and that hearts will be strengthened in love and support for one another.

Saturday October 19th: Luke 6

CS Lewis said, "*Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival.*" Thank God today for the people and friendships that have meant the most to you – the joy, support and comfort they have brought to you.

Sunday October 20th: Ephesians 4

So often friendships can be damaged by careless or unkind words. Reflect today instead on how we might positively foster our friendships by setting an example, recommended by Paul, of positive encouragement to build up others.

Monday October 21st: Psalm 133

Give thanks for the organisations and centres in our church and community who provide social activities and services to improve the quality of people's lives.

Church

Tuesday October 22nd: Ephesians 2

Reflect for a few moments on the millions of people across the world who are part of the worldwide church. Thank God for the encouragement and comfort that being a part of a global movement brings and pray for a spirit of unity within the worldwide church.

Wednesday October 23rd: Revelation 4

John's vision tells us of 24 elders seated around the throne of God. Today, pray for the leadership of Christ's church, in all its denominations, that they may speak God's truth and share the message of Christ in this damaged and divided world.

Thursday October 24th: Exodus 3

John Calvin took verse 16 to mean that the Church required the office of elders or presbyters to govern the church. Pray today for the Church of Scotland and those elected to serve on national committees, that they would have a vision to guide their work and that their decisions would be directed by the Holy Spirit.

Friday October 25th: Acts 15

Paul comes to Jerusalem to meet with the leaders of the church there to discuss and resolve the matter of circumcision for the early church. Pray today for the work of Kirkcaldy Presbytery as it coordinates the gospel message in this area, for the development of a strategic plan for the future and the creation of a united Presbytery of Fife.

Saturday October 26th: 1 Corinthians 12

Thank God for all the gifts and talents in Wellesley Parish Church. As we look to the future, with the opening of the church centre, pray that God will guide and inspire us as to recognise what we have and strengthen us to use those attributes to build up the body for his glory.

Sunday October 27th: 1 Peter 5

Give thanks for Gillian, Fiona, Chris and all the elders and board members in Wellesley as they seek to serve God in this local community. Pray that they may continue to be refreshed in their calling and find the inner strength to meet the varied needs that are placed before them.

Monday October 28th: Romans 16

Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a long list of friends that he recommends and a warning against division. Pray today for increased ecumenical relationships in our area, giving thanks for the chaplaincy team who work together at Levenmouth Academy.

Tuesday October 29th: 1 Peter 2:1-10

Peter refers to believers as living stones built around Christ who is the cornerstone. Think of those who are struggling with their faith now. Pray that the Holy Spirit might fill and inspire them afresh with God's loving presence.

Wednesday October 30th: Psalm 98

Give thanks to the Lord for all the good gifts he has given us.

Thursday October 31st: Psalm 62

Take a few moments to reflect with gratitude on the rest and assurance that is available for each one of us from God. Pray for those you know who don't experience that consolation at the moment.