

**SUGGESTED PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP MONTH 2018

THEME "OUR CALL TO HOLINESS"

Dear Lord, encourage us to be alert and aware of all those around us so that we are conscious of their needs and have the courage to reach out and respond to them      Lord hear us/Te Ariki

Dear Lord, give us the gift to recognise that holiness is seen in our everyday actions and interactions with others and help us to be more Christlike and a direct reflection of God's love

Lord hear us/Te Ariki

Loving God, in our everyday lives, may we bring the light of the gospel to our families, our friends, and our work places. May we live as Jesus lived

Lord hear us/Te Ariki

Loving God, you have called us to follow your son, Jesus, without counting the cost. Send us your Holy Spirit to give us courage and wisdom to be faithful disciples, growing always in holiness

Lord hear us/Te Ariki

Lord Jesus, we believe that you have called us to follow you with our whole hearts in all our words and actions. Send us your Spirit to give us the power to serve you faithfully

Lord hear us/Te Ariki

Dear Lord, you call ordinary people to be your disciples, you call ordinary people to holiness. You invite us to live your life and to be fruitful by carrying on your work in the world. Enlighten, strengthen, and console us as we grow in response to your love and to your call

Lord hear us/Te Ariki

Dear Lord, in our families and friends, in the poor and the lonely and the abandoned of this world, through the work that we do, through the commitments we keep, through our play and our joy, may our servant-lives witness to your love and all you have done for us

Lord hear us/Te Ariki

Dear Lord, grant us the grace to sit still in your presence that we might hear the Spirit's song, and know where we are being called to be, in your name

Lord hear us/Te Ariki

Dear Lord, God of all creation, help us enter into the mystery of your ongoing moulding and shaping of our lives for ministry

Lord hear us/Te Ariki

Dear Lord, you call us to be holy 'by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves'. Help us be your nurturing presence in a world so in need of your love

Lord hear us/Te Ariki

Dear Lord, the holiness to which you call us grows through small gestures. Help us to be 'a community that cherishes the little details of love, and whose members care for one another, and for everyone with whom we come in contact.

Lord hear us/Te Ariki

Dear Lord, we thank you for the giftedness with which you have blessed each one of us. Our unique call to holiness. We pray that we may build on what we are, to the realisation of your reign

Lord hear us/Te Ariki

Dear Lord, send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and lives, guide our service, and grant us a spirit of purpose and joy so that we are witness to your abounding love

Lord hear us/Te Ariki

Dear Lord, you teach us that to serve others is to act in your name. Send your Spirit to guide us; give us wisdom and strength as we reach out to those who need your care. Fill us with compassion, and give us your peace, so that we may be faithful witnesses of your love.

Lords hear us/Te Ariki