



**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FOR SUNDAY  
TRINITY 18 (HARVEST THANKSGIVING)  
11 OCTOBER 2020**

We give thanks this harvest season for all creation, for the good things in our lives, for food and shelter, for friendship, for intellectual stimulation, for the beauty of the natural world, for the glories of art and music, for entertainment and diversion, and for all that makes our lives both possible and fulfilling. Lord of creation,  
**In your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for all those whose work sustains and enriches our lives, for the farmers and all those involved in the agricultural industry and in food production, for those who build and maintain the infrastructure and supply the goods and transport that supports modern life, for those whose study and research opens up new possibilities, for those who teach and share understanding, for the artists, musicians, performers, sportsmen and women whose endeavours enrich our lives. Lord of creation,  
**In your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for a righting of all the injuries that have been done to creation by human-kind, for an end to the greedy over-exploitation of natural resources, for an end to the pollution of the land, of the seas and of the air, and for the change of heart that would cause people everywhere to seek the common good. Lord of creation,  
**In your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for those who lack the basic necessities of life, for places affected by drought and famine and war, for displaced people and refugees, and for all for whom the idea of human flourishing is but an unachievable dream. We remember places and situations that are on our hearts and in our minds..... Lord of creation,  
**In your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for all those who lead the nations and the global corporations that affect the whole world. We pray that they may govern and control in humility, with an ever-present sense of the enormity of the task to which they have been called. Lord of creation,  
**In your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for our parishes, communities, city and county, giving thanks for all the good things we find in living here. We pray especially for the school communities at S. Mary's, Darley Abbey and Ravensdale, Mickelover, with their premises destroyed this past week by fire. Lord of creation,  
**In your mercy, hear us.**

We continue to pray for all those affected by Covid-19, a phenomenon that reminds us clearly how much we are creatures set in a creation. We pray for those who are sick with the virus, and for those who minister to them, for those who have lost their livelihoods, and for those who work to relieve the effects of poverty, for those who feel isolated and lonely, and for those who seek to befriend others. We pray for all who are working to counter the virus, for researchers into vaccines and treatments, for contact tracers and people implementing protection schemes. Lord of creation,  
**In your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for all those in special need at this time..... Lord of creation,  
**In your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for ourselves, that, recognising the goodness of creation in our lives, we may play our part in advancing God's Kingdom, and we say together the Lord's Prayer.