

# **Prayers for November**

**Sunday 7 November**

**3rd Sunday before Advent**

**Based on Mark 1:14-20**

As Jesus proclaimed:

'The time has come.'

Lord God, may this be the time in which children's well-being is prioritised.

'The Kingdom of God is near.'

Lord God, bring close your Kingdom in which no child is denied justice.

'Repent and believe the good news.'

Lord God, bring good news for all the campaigns of the Children's Society.

Until all unaccompanied refugee children have a guardian,

until no child is unhappy with his or her life,

until the Government keeps its pledge to leave no child behind,

we ask your blessing on the young and old who campaign together

and energy to follow Jesus, who loved children so much.

**Amen.**

**Sunday 14 November**

**2nd Sunday before Advent**

**Based on Psalm 16**

O God who is our safety and our refuge,

we confess that we live in a world,

that has allowed its children

to experience their growing years as a burden instead of a joy,

and to bear the weight of the wickedness of adults.

In your mercy, forgive us and change us.

Prosper the work of the Children's Society

with all who are vulnerable, we pray,  
so that they may seek and find the path to life  
and have days that are filled with joy.

**Amen.**

### **Sunday 21 November**

#### **Sunday next before Advent: Christ the King**

#### **Based on Psalm 93**

This is the weekend of the Universal Children's Day,  
and we ask God to hold in his compassionate hands  
all the children who live on this fragile planet.

We ask you to bless the work of the Children's Society  
with all who arrive in this country as refugees and migrants.

As they create places of safety,  
as they help them make friends,  
as they teach them life skills,  
as they support their legal battles,  
encourage and uphold them.

And so may young and old the planet over  
know a place that they can call home,  
under the mercy of God, who reigns over all the world.

**Amen.**

### **Sunday 28 November**

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

#### **Based on Luke 21:35-36**

To the bare earth that we have exhausted,  
to the weary families whom we have impoverished,  
to the frightened children whom we have dismayed,  
return, O Lord, with blessed and refreshing joy.

This Advent Sunday, make us ready we pray.

Ready to change the circumstances of needy children;  
ready to make an environment in which future children will thrive;  
ready to support the Children's Society with Christingle hope;  
and ready to welcome Jesus, when he comes to make all things new.

**Amen.**