

**The
Children's
Society**

Prayers for September

Sunday 5 September, 14th Sunday after Trinity

Based on Mark 7.31-end

Loving God, whose son cared for those in need,
be with all children and young people this week as
a new term begins.

For those who have had a poor summer,
and those who have experienced hunger and
deprivation,

we pray that their needs will be met.

For those entering a new phase of education and
support,

with fear, worry and concern for the future,
we pray that they will experience care and
encouragement.

For those who feel confused and lost,
who don't know which way to turn,
we pray that they will find care and direction.

For all young people who are feeling insecure as
uncertainty continues,

we pray that they will feel valued, and know the
presence of God.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the carer,
who brings healing and hope.

Amen.

Sunday 12th September, 15th Sunday after Trinity

Based on James 3.1-12

God our creator, who made us and knows us,
help us to speak for you.

We pray for those you call to speak out, to bring about change,
and to speak truth to power.

We pray for the Good Childhood Report and all that it reveals,
as we see the young continuing to suffer in our society.

We pray that The Children's Society will continue to be a voice,
speaking out for those who are vulnerable and in need.

We pray for wisdom in the research and reports,
so that the messages will be heard and action will be taken.

We pray for all of us that we would know when to speak;
we ask that we would have the right words to say,
and we pray for the right responses to help those most in need.

God our creator, who made us and knows us,
help us to speak for you.

Amen.

Sunday 19th September, 16th Sunday after Trinity

Based on Mark 9.30-37

Generous God, who loves us all,
your son Jesus gives us the example of placing a child at the centre.

So we place children at the centre of our prayers,
remembering those whose lives are insecure and chaotic,
who search for safety and calm.

We place children at the centre of our prayers,
remembering those who suffer deep sadness and pain,
who search for joy and hope.

We place children at the centre of our prayers,

remembering those who have suffered and carry
the scars,
who search for peace and healing.
Jesus gives us the example:
may we always place children at the centre.
Amen.

Sunday 26th September, 17th Sunday after Trinity

Based on Psalm 124

Loving and generous God,
our help is in your name.
Help the work of The Children's Society
as they serve the young in your name,
working with many who have nowhere else to turn,
giving them help and hope.
Our help is in your name.
Help the work of The Children's Society
as they challenge, encourage and advocate,
being the voice for those who are often not heard.
Our help is in your name.
Help the work of The Children's Society
as they seek to raise support to enable their work
to grow,
in order to help more young people to flourish.
Loving and generous God,
our help is in your name.
Amen.