

## Praying together

Give thanks to God for the life of the Mission Partnership:

- for opportunities to serve and worship him together
- for the strength and encouragement that we have received from each other
- for friendships that have developed

Pray for the gifts that will enable us to faithfully carry out all that we have promised in our Mission Partnership Covenant:

- wisdom and discernment
- patience and tolerance
- an eagerness and energy to serve God together as the Beakon Mission Partnership
- guidance for the way forward and a willingness to be guided by the Holy Spirit

Pray for the needs of the communities that we serve across our parishes.

**Closing prayer** (the new diocesan prayer)

**Living God,  
Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.  
RENEW us as we make your love known;  
RELEASE us to share freely together in mission;  
and REJUVENATE us to be fruitful in your service.  
Give us courage, wisdom and compassion,  
that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit,  
we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield,  
both flourish and grow  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



The Beakon Mission Partnership

**Day of Prayer**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

A day set apart to pray.

To pray for the life and work of the Beakon Mission Partnership.

To pray in our homes or at work or gathered together at the following times:

**8.00am-8.30am** St Leonard and St Mary, Armthorpe

**2.00pm-2.30pm** The Church of the Good Shepherd, Edenthorpe

**6.00pm-6.30pm** St Peter and St Paul, Barnby Dun

*This prayer leaflet is offered as a resource to help us to focus our prayers for the Mission Partnership. Please use it in whatever way you find useful.*

## Opening prayers

God of our days and years,  
we set this time apart for you.  
Form us in the likeness of Christ  
so that our lives may glorify you.  
**Amen.**

Lord, speak to us  
that we may hear your word.  
Move among us  
that we may behold your glory.  
Receive our prayers  
that we may learn to trust you.  
**Amen.**

## Bible reading

Jesus says: 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.' (*Matthew 7:7-8*)

## Reflection

As we try to make good decisions about the way we work together as a Mission Partnership, let's remember Jesus' invitation to us to seek his guidance and to ask for the gifts we need to serve him faithfully.

## Prayer of Confession

Holy God, maker of all,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, servant of the poor,  
**have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, breath of life,  
**have mercy on us.**

Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings.

## *Silence*

I confess to God  
and in the company of all God's people  
that my life and the life of the world  
are broken by my sin.

**May God forgive you,  
Christ renew you,  
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

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