**Universal Prayer for use during the Month of November**

Priest:

Our Lord comes to raise the dead, and comforts us with the solace of his love. In reverence let us pray to God, source of all mercies:

Deacon/Reader:

For Francis our Pope, for the Bishops of Scotland, and for all those who minister in the Church.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For peace in the world, for prosperity in the Church, and for the unity of Christians.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who govern, for order in public life, and for the wellbeing of God’s holy people.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For medics and carers, for the scientific community, and for all who have made sacrifices for others.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the relief of the poor, for the comfort of the afflicted, and for the healing of the sick.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the eternal rest of those who have died, for the departed who worshipped the Lord here with us, and for those who died alone.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have lost someone they loved, for those who were unable to say goodbye, and for those who are suffering the pain of grief.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For confidence in the loving mercy of God, for faith in the Resurrection to new life, and for the hope of being reunited in God’s kingdom.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

Priest:

Almighty ever-living God,

remember the love with which you graced your servants in life.

Receive them, we pray, into the mansions of the saints.

Look with favour on those who mourn,

and comfort them in their loss.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**