St. Nicholas Church Prayers October2023



The seasons change with perfect regularity—autumn to winter, winter to spring, spring to summer, summer to autumn—the passing of the year—and each new season brings its own gifts from God.

Pray for all in our community who are in need at this time, because of illness, unemployment, poverty, lack of opportunity or the experience of rejection. Settle Your Spirit Lord on those who are lonely, in distress and otherwise unable to cope with the demands of our society. We pray that they may receive strength from You to work through their problems. We also pray for those who work with them; they too need Your Spirit to sustain them in their often, difficult work.

We pray for all who continue to live with injustice, whose lives are filled with violence and abuse. Those who face



discrimination and are treated unfairly, those who ask, how long before there is relief? Those who are asked "what did you do?" instead of "how can we help!" Lord please grant that Your Spirit will move us to collective actions of love and care.



Scotland has the highest rate of drug related deaths in Europe. We pray for grieving families, for all drug users to be able to obtain the treatment and support they need to stop using so they can change their lives and future. We pray for wise government decisions, inspired professionals to devise

treatment and support, and motivation for change.

Conflict and the climate crisis have left people without food, clean water and a safe place to call home across West Africa. Attacks from armed groups have forced millions from their homes.

This month, pray for Nigeria I, Mali I and Chad I - nations that are also facing the effects of deadly droughts and floods

Lord, as the seasons pass, and life itself changes with the passing years, we thank you for the gifts each season brings and for your never failing provision. May we, in each season, find satisfaction in life and look to the future with the hope of eternity.

