St George's Parish Prayers

Sunday, 11th October 2026

Lord of creation,
The rains are beginning and the Lowveld is coming back to life. We thank you for the renewal we see around us. Remind us that you are a God who restores, who makes things new, and who has not finished with this world or with us.

God of every blessing,
We pause before we bring our requests and simply say thank you. For the people beside us in these pews. For health where we have it, for provision where we have it, and for faith that has carried us through the weeks when we had little else. You have been faithful and we are grateful.

Heavenly Father,
We pray for Mark. Give him the energy the week will ask of him and the stillness it will rarely offer. Keep his faith fresh and his spirit generous. Watch over Rowena and the family.

Sovereign God,
We pray for Bishop Wayne as he shepherds this diocese. The work is significant and the needs are great. Strengthen him, renew his vision and give him people around him who speak truth and offer support.

Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayers.

God who hears the cry of the oppressed,
We will not stop praying for South Africa's women and girls until things change. We ask for justice, swiftly and without compromise. We pray for the organisations and individuals on the frontline of this work. Give this congregation the awareness and the will to be part of the solution in our own community.

God of our nation,
We pray for South Africa at this moment in its history. For leaders who will choose integrity over self-interest. For institutions that hold firm under pressure. For a people who do not lose hope. Where this country has been broken, begin the slow work of rebuilding. Where there is cynicism, plant something worth believing in.

Provider God,
Poverty in our country is not an abstraction. It sits at our traffic lights, on our pavements and in the homes of people we know. We pray for those without enough this week. For families choosing between food and school fees. For those too proud to ask for help and too tired to keep trying. Open our eyes and move our hands.

God of peace,
We pray for peace in homes across this community where there is conflict and tension. For couples who are struggling, for parents and children who cannot seem to find their way back to each other, and for those living under the weight of unresolved anger and hurt. Break through where words have failed. Bring reconciliation where it still seems possible and healing where it does not.

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God of restoration,
We pray for those in this congregation carrying private pain. The ones whose marriages are strained, whose children are lost to them, whose grief is still raw long after others have moved on. Bring your healing to the hidden places. Let no one here feel that their suffering is too small or too complicated for you.

God who gives strength to the weary,
We pray for those who are ill, recovering or facing uncertain news. For those whose bodies are failing them and those whose minds give them no peace. Be their comfort and their steadiness. Give those who care for them wisdom, patience and grace.

Loving God,
We pray for the elderly and the isolated in our community. Those who live alone and go days without a conversation that matters. Those whose world has grown smaller with age or illness. Let them know they are not forgotten. Move members of this congregation to reach out, to visit, to call and to sit with those who need company more than they need anything else.

God of the young,
We pray for the young people connected to this parish and this town. For those under pressure at school, for those stepping into adulthood without the support they need, and for those who are searching for something to believe in. Meet them where they are. Give them anchors that hold.

God of this parish,
St George's exists to make a difference in White River. Hold us to that purpose. Deepen our faith, sharpen our generosity and send us out each week more willing to serve than when we arrived. Bless our Diocese and all who lead it.

Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayers.

Merciful Father,
Receive these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.