



Stay and Pray – Prayers of Intercession – 17th – 23rd September

God,

We give thanks for efforts to restore biodiversity, as 22 landscape recovery projects are given government support. God, we thank you that support has been given to these efforts and pray for their success, that future generations may enjoy the fullness of your creation.

We give thanks for the record levels of solar power used in Europe over the summer, which helped to save approximately €29 billion in fossil gas imports. God, we thank you for this reduction in harmful energy use in Europe, and pray for this percentage to increase.

On the event of Queen Elizabeth's funeral, we pray for her family and those close to her at this time of loss. God, as they give thanks for her life and achievements, be close to them in their grief.

We pray for the family and friends of Chris Kaba. God, in the wake of this act of violence, we pray for your justice to roll down like a river. We pray for all victims of racialized violence and long for a world in which everyone is seen as they are – made in your image.

On the UN International Day of Peace, we pray for the escalating conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, the deadliest violence there since 2020. God, we pray for this and all conflicts around the world. Bring your true peace and reconciliation to these troubled places.

We pray for those living with health conditions caused by pollution. Heart arrhythmias are more likely in young people who have been exposed to higher levels of pollution. God, we pray for air pollution to reduce and for more creative solutions for heart problems.

We pray that government announcements will bring direct support for the poorest households in the cost of living crisis. God, we pray that the government will use the tools at their disposal to ensure everyone has enough to live this winter and beyond.

Amen.