

Truro Foodbank – January 2024 Prayers

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year, we look back and give you thanks for all your provision and blessing during 2023. We thank you for enough food to feed the people who come, for wonderful staff and volunteers who serve them, for advisors who help our customers, for new initiatives, partnerships old and new, for our own premises and for the opportunity to engage in national and local projects whose aim is to ensure justice and raise wellbeing. We have seen your presence and discerned your guidance. We confess our need of your presence and your guidance as we face the future.

We have our hopes and fears for this coming year as the need for our service grows and our customers face ever increasing difficulties due to the rise in the cost of living, lack of adequately paid work and the uncertainty facing this and all the nations of the world. We pray for our engagement with our partners in local and national projects that they may bear fruit this year. In the midst of life's uncertainties, remind us that the hopes and fears of all the years are met in Jesus, our Emmanuel. Replace every fear in our hearts with the hope that only you can give.

We pray for our nation and every nation during these difficult times of armed conflict, global tensions, discontent and grinding poverty. We pray for all leaders that they may govern wisely and seek to bring peace and justice to the many issues facing our troubled world. We pray for the nations who will hold elections this year, especially our one. May we elect people who are committed to God's Kingdom values.

We pray for our Foodbank and the part that we have been called to play within its operation. We pray for our customers, that through us, they will know God's loving care and provision. We pray for all decisions to be taken by the Government this year that will affect people's level of income and their health. May we respond creatively to all that we encounter, listening always for God's leading.

We pray for those called to serve in the Truro Foodbank that they will never become weary of doing well. Renew our strength as we wait for you so that we may, as the prophet Isaiah foretold, mount up with wings as eagles, run and not be weary and walk and not faint.

And so, our Father, we thank you for the promise and hope of this new year, and bring this prayer in the name of Jesus, your Son and our Saviour.