

Prayers for our World *1 Peter 3:10-12*

Reader 1:

‘Those who desire life and desire to see good days,...
let them turn away from evil and do good;
let them seek peace and pursue it.
For ...God’s ears are open to their prayer.’
Pray with us.

Reader 2: God, open our hearts,
that we will be ready for the messengers you send to us.
Help us find your message,
in a world that needs it more than ever.

Reader 1:

Open our ears and hearts to the message of the angels, ‘Be not afraid.’

Reader 2:

Grant courage and comfort to those who are afraid.
the abandoned and forgotten,
the victims of violence and oppression,
the hungry,
the poor.

Reader 1:

May they hear the angel’s voices saying,
‘Be not afraid.’

Reader 2:

Grant true courage
to those who are afraid to be vulnerable,
To bullies and tyrants, even world leaders,

To people trying to be big
by making others small
To people grabbing for more
because they are afraid they will not have enough.
To people driven by greed and fear.

Reader 1:

May they hear the angel’s voices saying,
‘Be not afraid.’

Reader 2:

Grant courage to those from whom much is expected, upon
whose care we are dependent:
Doctors, nurses and everyone in the NHS
Firefighters and police officers,
Social workers, teachers and carers,
Environmentalists and activists,
Partners, parents and grandparents.

Reader 1:

May they hear the angel’s voices saying,
‘Be not afraid.’

Reader 2:

Grant us courage to look at the world
with wonder, hope and trust,
rather than fear, anxiety and worry.

Reader 1:

Open our ears and our hearts to the angels’ voices, calling to
all who will listen,
‘Do not be afraid.’
Amen.