

October 2026

Please pray for

Week 1 Seafarers facing exceptional risks such as those working in the Straits of Hormuz, Red Sea, Black Sea and known piracy areas such as near the Horn of Africa.

Sunday 4th We pray for seafarers everywhere, and for all who have responsibilities towards them, asking that God will watch over all those whose life and work is on the seas.

Lord in Your mercy - hear our prayer.

Week 2 MtS volunteers who give their time and energy to offer support to seafarers onboard and on land.

Sunday 11th We pray for the wives, children and families of seafarers who so often face loneliness and anxiety about loved ones at sea.

Lord in Your mercy - hear our prayer.

Week 3 Seafarers struggling with mental health concerns caused by, among other things, loneliness, separation from home and family, difficult relations onboard.

Sunday 18th We pray for good comradeship on board all ships, especially among crews of different nationalities and races. We pray for young men and women training ashore for life at sea, for all those in their early voyages and for all those in authority with the power to influence them daily.

Lord in Your mercy - hear our prayer.

Week 4 Seafarer centres, their staff and volunteers. These are places of welcome and relaxation which also need to be maintained, often by volunteers.

Sunday 25th We pray for ship-owners, agents and union representatives, that sensitive to the good of the industry as a whole, they may fulfil their responsibilities impartially and with a concern for the dangers which may arise from negligence.

Lord in Your mercy - hear our prayer.

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Week 1 Seafarers who work demanding hours leading to fatigue with the increased risk of errors and accidents. Pray for safety and respect for rest periods.

Sunday 1st We pray for all lifeboatmen, light keepers and pilots, for all who maintain docks and harbours and all who minister to the physical needs, safety and welfare of seafarers, that they may do so with the highest standards of integrity and concern.

Lord in Your mercy - hear our prayer.

Week 2 MtS Chaplains offering spiritual, pastoral and practical support around the world

Sunday 8th We pray for Christian Societies of all denominations working among seafarers that, through their united witness and endeavours, those whom they serve may discover the Love of God.

Lord in Your mercy - hear our prayer.

Week 3 Seafarer connectivity allowing regular contact with home and family. Frequent calls home keep family life going for many.

Sunday 15th We pray for God's blessing upon seafarers who, despite modern aids to navigation and safety face many dangers at sea; for all who are sick, injured or disabled, and for those in the maritime industry today facing the effects of sudden redundancy. We also give thanks for those who have given their lives at sea in our service.

Lord in Your mercy - hear our prayer.

Week 4 All MtS staff and volunteers who will be making preparations for the distribution of Christmas gifts. May the gifts be powerful reminders that seafarers, while away from home, are not forgotten and are also part of the Christmas celebrations.

Sunday 22nd O God, in whose providence our lives are bound together, help us to understand how we depend upon the courage, industry, honesty and integrity of ourselves. May we, on our part, be mindful of their needs grateful for their faithfulness in carrying out their tasks, and faithful ourselves in our responsibilities.

Lord in Your mercy - hear our prayer.

Week 5 Seafarers on vacation. May these times back home bring the rest they need and the strengthening of family relationships.

Sunday 29th Dear Lord, As we prepare at home to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, we pray for those seafarers at sea and their loved ones ashore who will be apart and hoping at the very least to talk to each other on Christmas Day, as well as receiving cards and letters from their friends and family members. Lord help them to be joyful at this time. Amen

October & November 2026

Welcome to the October and November 2026
Mission to Seafarers Prayer Diary.



The MtS prayer diary is changing. From December 2026, there will be a new format. In the mean time we have prepared some brief prayer pointers for the weeks of October and November and a Sunday prayer which were written by a retired Mission to Seafarers Chaplain. Please keep praying for the seafarers we serve and our teams around the world.

Finally, many thanks go to Ian Pearson, an MtS Humber volunteer who has helped with the preparation of the prayer diary in its current format for the past few years.