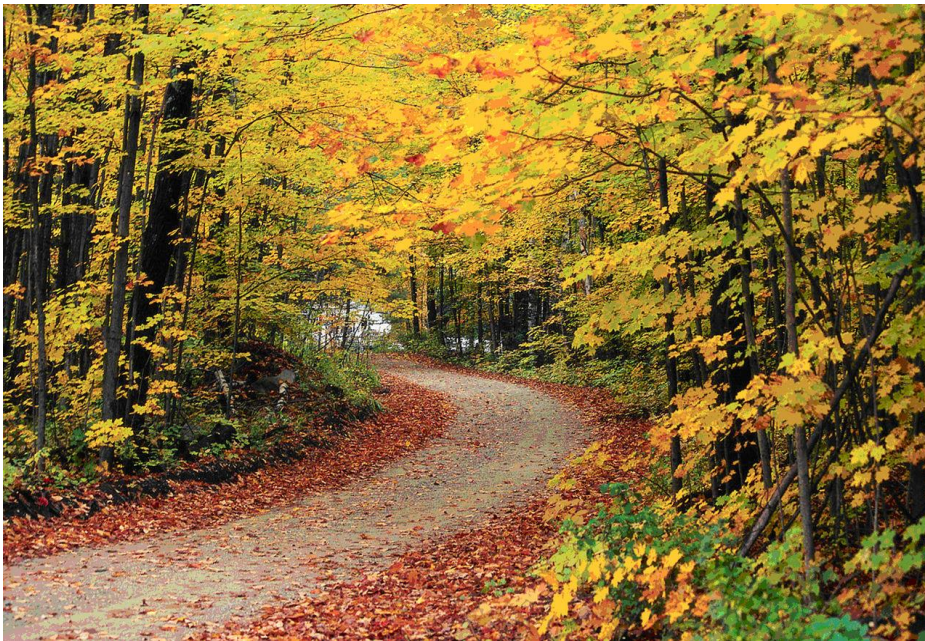


PRAYER for OCTOBER 2014

So many shades of gold
Autumn
Another miracle we take for granted
Another expression of
the artist's vision
The blending of the autumn hues
with the setting sun
Warm
Comforting
Perfect
Thank you for autumn, Lord



The Church is full of people in the Autumn of their years.
Some have led colourful lives leaves bronzed and golden
through exposure to the elements



Others have been exposed
to more extreme conditions
branches bowed and scarred.

Some go unnoticed,
yet stand tall and steadfast
against wind and rain.

All have a story to tell;
all can offer support and
shelter for saplings which
grow beneath
their leafy canopy.

Lord help us, in the autumn years, to share our experiences and wisdom in ways that give life to others, support them and protect them. May we not be twisted or bitter but accept the realities of our autumn years with joy and gratefulness for all that has been. Help us to say 'yes' to whatever will be. Amen