



# A Prayer for *Flourish*

Loving, nurturing God,  
in Psalm 92 we hear that:  
*'The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,  
they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;  
planted in the house of the Lord,  
they will flourish in the courts of our God.'*

In this season of fruitfulness,  
when we give thanks for the Harvest being safely gathered in,  
we pray for your blessing on another gathering, on 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October,  
the gathering of more than a thousand Methodists from across our  
District, for 'Flourish' at the Scarborough Spa.

We give thanks for the dedication and hard work  
of all who have been involved in the planning and organising of this event.

We pray for your help and guidance in the final preparations,  
those who will be leading worship and workshops and many other  
activities, and for the stewards who will be overseeing the event.

We pray for the well-being of all who attend,  
and ask that it will be an amazing, Spirit-fuelled weekend  
of celebration and inspiration,  
and a feast of faith, fellowship and fun for all age groups.

We offer our thanks and praise  
for the seeds that you plant, nurture and nourish  
in the fertile soil of our churches,  
for we know that only you,  
the Master Gardener,  
can bring our vision to fruition,  
and help us flourish as missional communities.  
In Christ's name we pray,  
**Amen**

