

Intercessions Sunday 24th July 2016

Our Father in Heaven as we pray this morning let us be sure to listen so that we may hear your voice and know your presence among us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

As we channel our thoughts, our worries and our hopes through you heavenly Father, Knowing that prayer makes a difference. Let us be quiet just for a moment to share with you our hopes, our individual needs and our gratefulness.

Dear God, help us to always be aware of the need to listen - to you our Lord in prayer - and to those who ask for our help even when it is not easy to give. We think especially of the family brought to our attention in this morning's notices. May we know how to follow your will, Lord.

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Hear our prayer

We ask for your guidance at this time of uncertainty and era of great change in our Nation. Let us be tolerant of each other's opinion - let us be eager and let us be willing to nurture a successful relationship at home & with our European neighbours.

Let us pray for our security services as they strive to keep our nation safe and we bring to mind & pray for everyone effected by the recent atrocities in Nice and Munich.

And we pray for those held up at the port of Dover this morning, as their journeys are significantly delayed by increased security.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We give thanks this morning, dear Lord, for our community here in Hertford, we pray for all those who are beginning their summer holidays. And we ask that they may be energized and refreshed by the break from routine.

We pray for the success of all out-of-school activities, for all those who give their time providing safe and creative centres for fun and fellowship. Thank you, Lord, for their dedication and enthusiasm.

Thank you, dear God, for our Families and Friends, for the precious opportunities of social gatherings and excursions that the fine weather helps to promote. Keep them healthy, happy and safe in all they do.

We pray also at this time for our young people - we think particularly of those who have completed exams, and are now anxiously awaiting the results.

We think of those about to embark on a new phase of their education, moving schools or preparing to leave home to start university or apprenticeships.

May their anxieties be unfounded and their energies be guided by your will.

Let us also pray for their families as they, too, prepare for a different way of life. We think of the mums, the dads and siblings as they come to terms with the increasing independence of their loved ones.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Dear God, let us each bring to mind in a moment of silence family,
friends or acquaintances who are in need of our prayers.....

Let us also bring to mind all those who are lonely, in pain or fear. We
think of those in our community who are unwell:

Marion Harding - Estelle Cohen - Barbara Hurford - Bruce Robertson -
Barry Pywell - Keith Acheson - Richard, Mary, Joan, Mary- Margaret
Beavis, Katherine Adlington, Clare Wise - Jim Holden - Lyndsey
Blackman - Steve Gardner- Lynn Norton - Janet Chennells - Joan Lee

May they experience peace, hope and healing

We pray also for those who have died;

And we bring to mind those whose year's mind falls at this time:

Rebecca George - Tim Goodman - Winifred Morey

May they now be at peace knowing your eternal love has no boundaries. Bring peace and comfort also, dear Lord, to their families who mourn their passing.

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Hear our prayer

May we live and be guided by your holy spirit, Lord.

God often speaks directly into our minds if we set aside the time to pray, and wait for his answer.

There's no problem too big
And no question too small,
Just ask God in faith
And He'll answer them all.

Not always at once,

So be patient and wait,

For God never comes

Too soon or too late.

So trust in his wisdom

And believe in his word,

For no prayer is unanswered

And no prayer unheard

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son

Our Saviour Jesus Christ

Amen