

Intercessions 02/10/16

Praise the Lord O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Our loving heavenly Father, we thank you for all your blessings to us, material and spiritual. Please help us to live gratefully, to the praise of your glory.

We thank you for this wonderful world that you have created and we ask for your forgiveness for the mess we have made of it by our selfishness, our greed and our carelessness. Help us to recover a sense of awe and wonder, to realise that it's not our world, but that 'the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it'.

We pray for this war-torn, hurting world, and specially for the people of Syria caught up in a bitter cycle of revenge and fear. We find it almost impossible to imagine what it can be like to be living in Syria at the moment, or even to be struggling as a refugee, unwanted by everyone. Please Father, we beg you for a solution to this intractable situation, for a change of heart and for creative thinking to find a way through.

We pray for all who bear responsibility today in the world of politics, in the media, in the classroom, in the courts, in the hospitals, in the workplace. May your blessing and power, your wisdom and compassion, your clarity and vision guide and enlighten.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for your church throughout the world specially for prisoners of conscience and those suffering for their faith in you. Please send them words of encouragement, and may we too be willing to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and

remember that you did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self discipline. We pray for encouragement for those training for ministry, and for those that you have yet to call. May we all have our ears open for what your Holy Spirit is calling us to do. We thank you for all the churches in this town, and we ask you to guide and lead the AGM of Churches Together this week and to give fresh ideas of ways we can work together to be salt and light in our community.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for those who are lonely or depressed and for those who are sick in mind or body, that they may know your healing power and your message of hope. We remember specially.... And in a moment of silence we bring before you others who are on our minds  
Lord in your mercy

We remember before you the families and friends of those who have died this week

And those remembering anniversaries at this time...  
May they know your comfort and peace  
Lord in your mercy

God before us, behind us, beside us:  
Bless the journeys we choose and the journeys that choose us; the radiant path and the road marked suffering; this restless pilgrimage called life.  
Send us angels to enlighten us,  
Companions to encourage us  
And voices to inspire us;  
That we might fully live this one precious life.

Merciful Father