

## Intercessions 15 January 2017

To paraphrase what we sang in our first hymn: Lord, we come before your throne of grace; we ask for an awareness of rest in your presence, in worship and with wonder and joy.

Thank you for the love you have for us all, help us to give ourselves to you and surrender to your will for us.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the many living in so much more difficult circumstances than our own: those struggling to survive in areas of conflict in the middle East and elsewhere, those facing deprivation of essential life supporting resources, and those attempting to find a new place to call home, often far away from their original homeland.

We give thanks for all organisations and individuals who are offering support both here and across the world. We pray for insight as to how we are called to assist and ask for wisdom and awareness of the possibility of compromise for world politicians and peacemakers for resolution of the strife in your world.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray especially for the United States of America with the inauguration of their new President next week and for our own country with the continuing uncertainty of the consequences of leaving the European Union.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Our National Health Service and social care providers are facing difficult times with increasing demand for their services. We give thanks for all professionals working in this area, who show such dedication in their demanding roles. Give them strength and the conviction to carry on their work.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Many Christians do not have the freedom to worship as we do. Thank you, Lord, for their continuing inspiration to follow you. We pray for the churches in Hertford and for our own church here and for the new initiative of leading our church in growth. Give us all a listening ear as to what more we can do to serve you.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for Abigail and Sohel, married here yesterday and for Carly, being baptised after this service.

We pray for all who are suffering, whether in mind or body or in spirit and name those who have asked for our prayers:.....

And in a moment of silence, anyone known to us.....

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have died and those who miss and mourn them:.....

And the Year's mind of those gone before:.....

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers**