

Father in heaven, we your children come to you today in a state of worry and confusion. We live in a time when democratic principles are at stake both here and in the United States of America. We worry because we feel helpless yet we need to remember with gratitude the model for democracies which have come about, despite their imperfections.

While our government grapples with major political turmoil we witness neglect of critical services such as the prisons. Father we pray for all involved in the security of inmates and their return to The world as useful members of society giving thanks for the pay rises announced today .

We continue to pray for war-wracked Syria, as we learn of a new offensive by the Allies today.

Finally we pray for all young people and their families and their teachers as they return to their studies refreshed after the half term break.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY..

Father God we pray for your church in the world. We pray for those in authority in the church giving thanks for the public witness of his faith by our archbishop, Justin Welby. In our church and St. Mary's we pray for those starting the searching for faith course. We pray for the deepening of our spiritual roots so that we are not Tossed and turned by the vagaries of this world and we give thanks for the new team course in church growth. We are challenged as to how to witness most effectively in our daily lives when this could involve moving out of our comfort zones. We give thanks for the ministry of Nick Sharp praying that we will be fired with enthusiasm. We give thanks for Tracy's work with TMM and the growth of our work with young people praying now for The revival of Shake for children after school hours.

In our outreach to the Sele estate we pray for The future of Messy church , as The leaders meet after the service this morning.

As we pray for growth in numbers at our Church, Father we pray that you will give us the hunger to grow into deeper faith, so by living for others we may resist fear and worry, as modeled by Christ our Lord.

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And now we commit to you father all of those who are in anyway suffering from poor health. We pray specially for....

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And finally a blessing taken from Pauls' letter to the Ephesians .We pray that, out of his glorious riches God may strengthen us with power through his spirit in our inner being so that Christ may well in our hearts through faith and that we , being rooted and established in love may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long how high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

MERCIFUL FATHER...