

**Extract From Intercessions: 25.07.17.**

Dear Lord, as we give thanks for all your blessings that we share between us, we remember also that “we are called to share in the brokenness of the people we serve”. These are the words of the vicar at St Clement, Notting Dale-the church that stands in the shadow of Grenfell Tower.

At 3.00 a.m. on the morning of the fire, he went to the church, opened the doors and turned on the lights-the people came.

We thank you for the Rev. Alan Everett and all those from his church who, every day, respond to the needs of those around them. May their work and actions inspire us to remember that your light will always beckon people to come out of the darkness. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We continue to pray for all those involved in and affected by recent, distressing events in our country. You are a God of compassion: give courage to those who face the hardship of events, bring healing and hope and, at the right time, provide the opportunity for justice and forgiveness to those who must be held accountable. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**