

INTERCESSIONS 16/07/17

Circle us, Lord.

Circle our Church with the light of the gospel.

May we understand more of our faith and why we believe it.

May we hear afresh and receive with joy your invitation to life in all its fullness and let you impact every detail of our lives.

May we share your extraagant love with those around us, remembering particularly the children coming to the Holiday Club in August and their leaders.

Circle us, Lord. Keep light within; keep darkness out. ...

Circle us, Lord.

Circle our confused nation with the values of the gospel.

Give to our national institutions – Government, the law, the health service, our schools, the Church – give them the values of justice, fair representation, concern for the weak, equal opportunities for every person.

And may the sheer generosity of your presence infuse our national life with hope and encouragement.

Circle us, Lord. Keep hope within; keep despair out...

Circle us, Lord.

Circle our family and friends with the love of the gospel.

Keep them in peace and security. Guard those of our loved ones who are vulnerable, strengthen those who are struggling, encourage those who are on the brink of something new.

May the deep peace of the Prince of Peace keep them all.

Circle them, Lord. Keep love within; keep danger out...

Circle us Lord.

Circle the sick and the bereaved in your healing presence.

There are some we know who are simply not well; some who are fearful and in pain; some who are on their last journey. Circle them Lord, the people we name before you now..... Circle them in the healing presence of Christ.

And those who have died and their grieving families....., and those remembering the year's mind of...

Circle them, Lord. Keep peace within; keep fear out....

Circle us, Lord. Our hearts, our homes, our church, our nation, our world.

Circle us and let us never slip outside the enchantment of your grace, for Jesus' sake. Amen