

Intercessions Sunday 20 August 2023

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Almighty God, our heavenly father, you promised through your son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Let us take some time now to thank God for some of the blessings in our own lives, holidays or maybe a short break away and being able to see friends or family.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for those many parts of the world where there is disaster, man-made or natural, for those affected in the continuing war in Ukraine and other world conflicts. We think particularly of the people of British Columbia where forest fires rage, parts of California and Mexico where Hurricane Hilary have struck. We pray for those involved in search and rescue and for the safety of those affected.

Lord in your mercy

Closer to home we pray for the many refugees fleeing to Europe and desiring to start a new life away from the terror of bombs, famine, violence and disaster, where they can start new lives and their talents can be more fully used.

Lord in your mercy

Bless and guide Charles our King, Queen Camilla and other members of the royal family and we thank you for the loyal

service they give across our community; give wisdom to our Government and all in authority, especially the leaders of the nations throughout the world, that they may work together for the good of all.

Direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace, that we may honour one another and seek the common good.

Lord in your mercy

Strengthen our Bishops and all your church, including Alan, Bill, Melanie, Geoff, Forbes, Kath, Maria and Adrian and the churchwardens, who serve our two churches; that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory to the world.

Lord in your mercy

We give thanks for the gift of sport and the joy, inspiration and benefit it brings to so many. Today we think of all those involved in the Women's World Cup in Australia and the joy it has already brought to so many people. We give thanks for all the dedication, commitment and hard work of all who help in sport.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for our town councillors, and indeed for our town with its businesses and shops, many struggling to cope with the changes in our shopping habits.

Lord in your mercy

We also pray for our schools, for the students who have been or will be receiving examination results.

We pray for those suffering from stress, depression and anxiety with health problems, fear of losing their jobs and the mental and physical implications of not being able to meet and participate in their usual activities.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for those who are unwell, including;-

Barry and Joan, Ivy, Hazel, Robert, Sandy, Audrey, Debbie, Dino and Sheila

...and for those who love and care for them.

Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for those who have died, including;

Anna Gawley, Reg Laycock and Jennie Sale

Hear us as we remember in Years' Mind those whose anniversaries fall at this time;

Rene Williams and Medelin Creese

Lord in your mercy

Help us to be good and supportive neighbours.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen