

Prayers for Sunday 17 May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Loving God, thank you so much that you are known to us, that you made us and love us. Help us to know your commands for us and give us the strength and motivation to follow them even when times are hard. Help us to share your love through acts of kindness and thoughtfulness even when we cannot necessarily be together. Let us show others that you live in us through the way that we act, speak and treat others.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Father God we pray for your church throughout the world, for sceptics and believers, those who are devout, and those who doubt; for clergy high and low. For all those who seek God at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews, for all who search for the life that you promise. We pray for the stillness to listen to the voice of the Spirit and to recognise what our personal relationship with you has done for us. We pray for all who endeavour to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel especially in these difficult times when we cannot meet together in our church buildings. Thinking especially of Alan, Wendy and Bill; our lay readers and lay workers, and Jane with the choir.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for prime ministers and presidents, for Chancellors and First Ministers; for leaders and trendsetters and influencers. For those who set the targets at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews. For all who wield power, that they may be guided by the Spirit of Truth. We especially pray all the worlds' governments as they continue to do try to handle the Covid-19 Pandemic – grant them wisdom to balance the differing requirements of health (physical and mental), the economy and the environment.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for family and colleagues, friends, neighbours and strangers; for all those who we are missing with whom we normally would break bread: or missing at home, at work, in the community, and in our church. We continue to pray for all who grow, harvest and prepare the food we eat and for those who continue to deliver to shops and supermarkets. We give especial thanks for those who continue to put themselves at risk, in shops and supermarkets, in delivery and postal services, the police, teachers and many others so that we can stay safe.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for the sick and troubled, for the fearful and alone, for those in pain at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews. We pray that all who suffer, may feel the Spirits healing presence. Here at St Andrews and St Marys we particularly pray for Colin

Harding, Gillian MacKenna, Joe Caruana, Tim, Suzanne, Paul, Debbie, Malini, Al, Rebecca Phipps, Andy, Jo Holdstock, Barbara Wilbourn-Smith, Mark Johnson, Bernard Stack, Ellen Cook. We also pray for those we name in our hearts, and those who are known only to you.

We also ask for healing for those with Corona Virus and Pray for energy and forbearance for our wonderful health service who are at the frontline. But we also remember those who care for people at home, many of whom are struggling because their support services are no longer available. Give them strength and patience to cope and let them know that you are with them.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for those kept fresh in our memory and for those long forgotten. We pray for mercy for the dead and comfort for those who mourn them, may they all find rest in the Spirit's embrace and we commend them to your keeping for ever. We remember Anthony Wormald, Avilé Grey, Terry Asser and the anniversaries of Elizabeth Hubble, Elsie Petitt, Maisie Ditton, Francis Edward Carpenter

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of heaven and earth, companion in life, Spirit of truth, to you alone we turn our eyes and lift our hearts. Help us to keep your commandments and to love one another as you love us.

Merciful Father:

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**