

Intercessions

O Lord hear my prayer

Light behind all light, love beyond all love we come to you our Parent God, known and loved.

We offer to you the shadow sides of our lives; the hatred or fury; any guilt, any shame. Thank you for the promise of safety and the healing of your kindness

Holy Spirit inspire our prayers. May they help to change the world by first changing us. in the words of Paul may we be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in our prayers

Bless those who persecute you- we pray for all who feel bullied or persecuted in life, at school, at work. We pray for our brothers and sisters across the world from every faith who face discrimination, imprisonment or torture for what they hold sacred. We pray for our brothers and sisters whose sexuality makes them a criminal or an outcast. May their example of grace and love and courage and challenge lead to justice, peace and reconciliation with their persecutors. We stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Barcelona in the aftermath of such senseless killing

And we pray for those who planned and committed these atrocities and all who support their ideology; heal their desire for revenge; help them see the value and beauty of difference and of each human life. May they come to meet the God of Jesus.

Rejoice with those who rejoice

We rejoice with the family of little Nancy baptised here later today. May she grow to discover the deep, deep love of her Maker and may that love bless her life and the lives of all she will love and find hard to love

In these weeks of A Level and GCSE results we rejoice with those who are happy with their grades. We pray for those who feel disappointed. May they be comforted by new and creative possibilities.

Mourn with those who mourn – God of our holding encircle each person who lives with loss; may they know your company and your light. We especially remember the family and friends of

We also remember those who grieve for the 8 people who died in the A1 motorway crash this week

And we give thanks for the example and the legacy of....

Lord we hold before you your Church – may we practise the welcome and hospitality of God; may we know the presence of the Living Christ among us. May we be agents of the Spirit's harmony and peace.

And finally Lord we pray for this fragile and beautiful earth and its fragile and beautiful people. May all humanity cling to what is good and merciful; may those with power use it to speak for the poor and to lift the faces of the downtrodden. May we each live in such a way that evil is overcome by good; may our actions and words help to heal and free.

And so gentle God, thank you for hearing us; may these heart cries unite with the cry of your heart. Continue to challenge and remake us that hour by hour we may become something more of the unique and extraordinary person you created us each to be

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