

Faithful God,

We pray for the Church: that we may be good stewards of the gifts that God has given us and use these gifts for the good of others. We pray for the many people who help our church run smoothly – Alan and Bill, Colin, Melanie and Jim, our churchwardens Penny and Brian, Tracey and the Younger Church team and so many others. Help us to work together, to respect each other and to forgive each other so we reflect your love around us. Forgive us for those times when we treat ourselves with less kindness than you do. We want to believe in ourselves the way you believe in us and so as we go out to live the coming week, show us more of the life you have designed especially for us to live

Lord, in Your Mercy

We pray for an end to the violence of crime, war, terrorism and oppression: that innocent victims may find shelter in the shadows of God's love and be protected from harm. We remember those who were caught up in the attack on the train at Parsons Green, ask for their swift recovery both physically and mentally. We remember all the Rohingya refugees fleeing Myanmar and pray that they will find safe refuge to continue their lives in peace and without persecution. And we pray for all those around the world who feel that they do not have a voice, and so appear ignored and abandoned by laws and the establishment. Help us all to become a more truly inclusive world.

R: Lord, in Your Mercy.

We pray for all those affected by recent hurricanes, flooding and natural disasters: that God may continue to bless all efforts to provide them the support and assistance they need. Keep us constant in our prayers and actions to help those in need where we can. We particularly think of those caught up in the path of Hurricane Irma across the Caribbean, and those in the devastating floods in Bangladesh, Nepal and Northern India. We also pray for those affected by terrible road accidents in this country recently – so many people suffering Lord – keep them close to you and show your love.

R: Lord, in Your Mercy.

We pray for all who are ill that God will heal their bodies, minds, and spirits and restore them to wholeness. We remember all those who help to support them – family members, friends, health professionals and ask that you give them energy, good humour and patience to care for those who are unwell. We particularly lift to you ..... We also name in our hearts those that we know are in need, ..... and ask that enfold each of them in your loving arms.

R: Lord, in Your Mercy.

We pray for all the faithful departed that they may dwell in Christ's abundant love for all eternity, thinking particularly of .... and those whose anniversaries fall at this time. Comfort all those who mourn and miss loved ones – give them peace in their hearts to be able to look back at memories with content.

R: Lord, in Your Mercy.

And now rejoicing in the presence of all the saints, we commend ourselves and all people to use this coming week to mend bridges and remove barriers to share Your unfailing love.

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**