

## **INTERCESSIONS PENTECOST SUNDAY 20 MAY 2018**

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your Kingdom:  
inspire us with your spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
so that all who hear your word  
may be drawn to you, through Christ our Lord

Spirit of Truth, guide us into your truth and enable us to pray and intercede for the needs of others.  
As we gather together in your name and in your love,  
we offer you prayers of thanksgiving.  
Pour out your spirit onto us all  
and give us such visions and dreams that your will may be done

Faithful God, we pray that this Pentecost may bring your Church a renewed sense of unity with all faiths around the world.

Empower all those who minister to us with the gifts that your Holy Spirit makes available.  
Give them wisdom in their decision making  
and the ability to have a deep understanding of the way that the actions they take are in accordance with your will.

Thank you Lord for all of the opportunities you give us to share food and fellowship with our families, friends and neighbours.

We give you thanks for the gift of languages which enable us to communicate with those around us and throughout the world.

Bless us Lord with the will to be honest, sincere and positive in all we say and unambiguous  
thus leaving no room for doubt or fear in the minds of those who hear us.

### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our prayer**

Give us, Lord God, a vision of your Kingdom as your love desires it:  
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry,  
a world where life is shared, and enjoyed by all,  
a world where all races, nations and cultures live in tolerance and respect,  
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

Lord of the journey, we ask for your protection for all who have fled their homes.  
Grant them strength on their journeys, that they may find places of compassion at which to rest.  
Ease their fears, keep alive their vision of returning to a secure and welcoming home.

We beg Lord for an end to the violence, corruption and distrust that are so prevalent in this world today  
Give us the inspiration and courage to build your Kingdom here and now,  
a Kingdom built by those who expect their God to come.

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

We lift-up to you all those that have been recently married, knowing that marriage is instituted by you.  
We pray especially for the Duke and Duchess of Sussex and all who were married yesterday  
and for those whose banns have been read here and elsewhere today.

Bless we pray all newlyweds and those preparing for marriage  
Give them the commitment to honour their vows with patience, understanding and honesty  
so that through your grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ  
their marriage is pleasing in your sight.

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

Father of goodness and love, we pray that you will lay your hands on all those who are sick especially . . . . .

We ask for your compassion on all who are suffering that they may be delivered from their pain and discomfort.

**Amid mental and physical suffering**

may they find consolation in your healing presence

knowing that you are with them at all times.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.

Holy God, through the death and resurrection of your son Jesus

you gave to all of us the wonderful gift of eternal life.

Though we mourn their passing we remember before you those who have recently died . . . . .

And for the victims of the shootings in Santa Fe on Friday

We remember also those who have long passed away but are still missed particularly around this time. . . . .

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

Spirit of life      Fill our emptiness with your fullness

Spirit of power    Stir our hearts afresh

Spirit of love      Touch us    and through us our neighbour

Spirit of Creativity    Enable and empower the gifts you have given

Spirit of Eternity    Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers