

## **INTERCESSIONS – SUNDAY 5 AUGUST 2018 : TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Let us pray to the heavenly Father who feeds his people with living bread  
Let us bring Him prayers for our own needs and for the needs of the world,  
giving thanks for his promise to hear us when we pray in faith

Lord God, giver of all good gifts,  
we thank you for all that satisfies and sustains us,  
for all the love you have given to us  
We thank you for the gift of your Son, the saviour who walks with us on our  
life's journey.  
We pray for all who travel with us on that journey - our families, our friends  
and those within this community.  
We pray for a deepening awareness of our need for one another  
and of your image in the hearts of everyone we meet.

We pray today for your church here in Hertford,  
in this diocese and throughout the world,  
and for its leaders at all levels  
We pray for the right use of talents within your church,  
that gifts and possessions may be neither hoarded nor squandered.  
Help us to continue to bear faithful witness to the loving kindness and mercy, -  
you show to all who turn to you  
We pray for unity of all denominations and faiths  
That we may all work in the spirit of one church, one faith, one Lord

### **Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer**

Lord of all beauty, we pray for areas defaced or destroyed;  
We remember people in wretched dwellings and slums,  
all who are in areas deprived of beauty,  
or whose lives are in danger.  
We pray for those throughout the world who suffer as a result of poverty and  
hunger:  
that there may be a fairer sharing of all the earth's resources

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the example of leadership given by your Son  
in his life on earth.

We pray for the renewal of a spirit of humility and a sense of responsibility among leaders of this world that all that are hungry might be fed and all that are oppressed might be freed to live in lasting peace  
Guide all who influence the well-being of the earth.  
Give us all the will to preserve your world  
by increasing our understanding of the pollution and decimation we humans are causing  
and to work tirelessly to conserve this planet as you would have it, for the benefit of all species that we share it with.

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our neighbours and for people around us with whom we work or share our daily lives. Remind us that we all share your world with each other. Help us to make our homes examples of your love, places of mutual trust and forgiveness, places of true sharing and caring, and unite us all one to another in the circle of your love.

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

Gracious Lord, as an essential part of the life you have given us is rest, we particularly ask today for your blessing on those arranging and participating in this coming weeks Holiday at Home programme  
We pray for all who are on holiday at this time  
nourish them in their break that they may return refreshed and reinvigorated to their ordinary routine

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love and compassion for all who suffer in body, mind and spirit.

We pray that your everlasting presence and healing love will calm the fears, ease the pain and bring light into the darkness of all in distress.

We pray for those who are sick, especially those whose illness is long term and demands much patience to bear.

We remember before you those who are lonely and depressed and pray that we may be good listeners when friends and neighbours need us.  
From our own congregation we pray for... [List on notices]

And in a moment of silence we lift those who are known personally to us...

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

We pray for those who feel the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one whether recent or as each anniversary passes.

Help us to support,

both with our prayers, with words of comfort and with practical help in the days and weeks to come,

all those who mourn.

From our own congregation we remember and pray for... [List on notices]

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

Mighty and Loving God, you know each and every one of us.

We are not just a person on a bus or a train.

We are not just another face on CCTV;

or just another login name.

We all have things going on;

love and life issues, bills to pay, egos to deal with, an overflowing inbox, worries about children and much more.

Please, give us strength.

Great redeemer, guide us to focus on what is really important.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Encourage us to eat of this bread, drink of this wine and be changed by them.

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