

Intercessions, Wednesday 19 August 2020

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In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Heavenly Father, we come to you with praise and thanksgiving that in the ministry of your Son, Jesus, we have been given a clear picture of your love and compassion. We pray that the Holy Spirit will endow us with compassion and generosity so that we can reflect something of the love of God. We thank you for the opportunity to walk in his footsteps that we too may be bearers of the Good News of Jesus Christ...

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we give thanks that so many people in this country have worked together and done their bit to ensure better control of Covid 19 and that Lockdown has been eased. We pray for good will amongst all ages and groups of people to ensure the safety of all. And that the support for the key workers and the difference in the way that they have been treated and thanked may continue.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord God, we hold before you all those whose lives are changing as they return slowly to normality. We pray for those who have been required to go back to jobs working with the public or needing to use public transport. We pray for those who must remain working at home with all the challenges and expectations that accompany this: for those expected to answer the phone and e-mail from morn to dusk and for parents having to run a household with limited resources. May they be able to rest and maintain hope of living a differently ordered life. We ask that you guide all those affected by the exam results chaos and especially bless the young people whose future plans have been affected.....

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, calm the mental and emotional storm of those who live with the anxiety about not being able to return to normality, or who dread the return to work or school, dread the thought of socialising and keeping up appearances. Bring perseverance and hope

to those who have no job or fear losing their livelihood, and to those who are struggling to buy food and pay the bills. Remind us of the call of the prophets and your Son that we all are called to fulfil our joint responsibility to support one another and the stranger when there is need.....

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are unwell. Firstly, we take a moment to pray for those known only to ourselves...

And together we hold in our hearts and pray for strength and hope for: Connie, Susan, Chrissy, Andy, Jean, Colin, Chris, Joe, Barbara, Paul, Mark, Tim, Dorothy, Bernard, Geoff, Win, Debbie, Julia

We pray for those who have died:

Leslie Bullard, Ellen Cook, Jennifer Bultitude

Send angels to mourn with their family and friends and may they know that they are loved and be aware of your presence.

We remember in Years' Mind those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Catherine Adlington, Harry Ward Daniels, Rene Williams, Ada May Lewis, Madeline Creese, Ron Barton

We thank you for these lives and all they brought to the world.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we call to mind the stories from around the world of the different nations all struggling with the same pandemic and some of whom grapple with huge political and environmental challenges.

We pray for farmers in Kenya, India, Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil

who deal with the aftermath of huge swarms of locusts. We pray for the people of Beirut whose city and health care infrastructure have been destroyed. We ask that the international community might intervene to prevent food insecurity, ease unnecessary pain and suffering and combat the loss of hope by providing more resources to support those who have lost their homes and livelihoods...

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it: a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor; a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;

a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;

a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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