

## **Intercessions for Wednesday 30 September 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 your love for us. We thank you for the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of your Son 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 we ask that the leaders of our country will be endowed with wisdom and compassion as they negotiate the difficult social and economic choices to be made.

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

Lord God, we hold before you all those who yet again find their lives turned upside down because of stricter COVID restrictions. We pray for those who have been instructed to not visit family or return to working at home or who must remain working at home with all the challenges and expectations that accompany this. May they be able to rest and maintain hope of living a differently ordered life. And we pray for those who have found themselves made unemployed and unable to get work as well as those who anxiously wait to see if they still have a job each month. Grant them strength, the right support and hope to endure this difficult time. Lord to those of us with opportunity and resources to respond, grant us inspiration, courage and wisdom to know how best to make a difference.

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

Heavenly Father, we pray especially for young people in schools and universities that have worries about their futures- especially we ask that leaders and managers care for those university students in local lockdowns and seek to protect their emotional and mental well-being. Bless them all as we pray for the young people that we know who at school or at university...

*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:

Susan, Mark, Joe, Jean, Paul, Barbara, Win, Chris, Debbie, Bernard, Dorothy, Tim, Colin, Chrissy, Barbara, Julia, Connie

*We pray for those who have died recently:* ..... Dr Philip Lancaster, Norman Hoyle

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:*

John Goodland, Ellie Mann, Richard Darton, Laurie Darton, Gary Reid, Ron Moseley

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. We pray for Central and Latin American countries, many of whom have poor health care, also we pray for India where many are vulnerable without the means to stay safe or access treatment for Covid. We pray for those parts of the US where Covid-19 is surging and where political injustice and unrest is

creating high levels of anxiety and fear. May People of Faith work with all those of good will to care for your people.

*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.**