

Intercessions for Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Year A – 23rd August 2020

Everlasting God, we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ and for revealing him as Messiah and Saviour of the World.

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

Holy God, we pray for your church and ask that it might always provide a solid foundation upon which we can anchor our lives. We especially pray for Christians who pay a heavy price for their faith, who daily experience hostility, from their governments, employers' and neighbours, as a result of their identification with Christ.

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

Creator God, you created us to be stewards of your creation, but we have chopped down forests, polluted the air, poisoned the rivers and seas, destroyed the places where animals live and then pursued them to extinction. Help us change our ways so that we can look after the world, and to make it the way that you want it to be.

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

Gracious God, we pray for the sick, the lonely and distressed especially those tormented by fear arising from the Global Pandemic. We pray for healing and wholeness in their lives and we pray for ourselves. Help us to bring life and love and joy and hope, to those who live in despair and give help to all those treating the effects of Covid-19 and those working to find a cure.

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

Merciful God, please remember the souls of your servants now fallen asleep in your care and for those who are saddened by their passing. Be with the bereaved in their loneliness and give them the faith to look beyond their present troubles to your Son Jesus Christ who died and rose again and who lives forevermore.

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

Faithful God, we pray you will forgive us when we only turn to you when things trouble us and when we forget to thank you for your blessings and bounty. Help us to recognise all the wonderful things in your world for which we should be grateful and send us out into the coming week ready to show our gratitude in all that we do and say.

Merciful God: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen