

Prayers for 7th February 2021

Almighty God, our creator and redeemer, we ask that you will hear our words as we pray and as we give thanks to you for your church, the world and its peoples. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Mighty God, we pray for the worldwide Church. We pray especially for those churches which meet in difficult and dangerous circumstances - and in this lockdown we pray for all congregations who cannot meet in person but only online. In our own parish, we give thanks for all those who lead our worship, those who visit and pray for the sick and bereaved and those who carry out the upkeep and administration of our worship centres. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Creator God, we pray for your world and its peoples with all their needs. In the depths of the pandemic, you show your love in the acts of bravery, selflessness and compassion of so many people. We pray for all who are suffering in difficult circumstances and for those who are providing medical and community support. We give thanks for the increasingly speedy roll-out of the vaccines across this country and we pray for the scientists and medical staff as well as governments as they develop new strategies to help the world move towards a safer future. We pray for countries suffering from war, unrest and oppression and pray that your peace and justice may be seen across the world. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Loving God, we pray for those in need in our own community, the sick and the dying, the elderly, the housebound and those in care homes and hospitals and for the work and devotion of those who care for them. We thank you for carers whose love and compassion bring comfort at times of need. We pray for those named on the news sheet and any others known to us personally. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Merciful God, be close to 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 all those who mourn with our prayers, with words of comfort and with practical help as they struggle to come to terms with their loss. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Help us during the coming week to live life in your service. We pray that all we say and do may be carried out in the name of Jesus and to his praise and glory.

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