

Prayers for 16th May 2021

Everlasting God The ascension of your son Jesus Christ into heaven marked the culmination of his ministry on earth. May we try to live life in the same way as his disciples did at that time, awaiting the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. We pray for your church throughout the world. May divisions be healed and may members unite with one another in fellowship with Christ so the world may see and believe in the good news brought by your son . **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We give thanks for churches here in our parish, for our ministry team and all who have kept things running during the pandemic. We pray for our leaders as we move towards the future with the return of in-person services and the changes the summer will bring. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We pray for the needs of this world. Let our divisions be forgiven and healed. Let there be peaceful agreements between warring nations, and a fairer division of the riches of the earth. We remember especially at this time the people of Israel and Gaza and pray that a just and peaceful solution may be found for that troubled region of the middle east. Help the people of your world make the best use of science and technology in order to achieve a better life on this planet. We especially pray for the fair distribution of the Coronavirus vaccine to the whole needy world. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We thank you for our families, friends and fellow Christians and for the people with whom we work or share our daily lives. We pray for those who are lonely or isolated because of age or ill-health. We pray for those who are sick, sad or in any sort of trouble and also for those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved. We remember those named on our news sheet and those in our hearts who need our prayers. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We raise before you all who have died and who are now with your ascended Son Jesus Christ. We pray for those who have recently died, and for those whose anniversary falls at this time and we ask for your comfort for all those who mourn. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, we pray that you will receive our prayers offered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who prayed for us, lived and died for us and who now reigns with you in the unity of your Holy Spirit now and always.

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