

## **Intercessions for 4 July 2021: TRINITY 5** by Carolyn Fox

Gracious Father God, we bring to you this morning our prayers for our world, our community and ourselves. We praise you for your unchanging nature in a world of many changes, for your steadfast love in times of uncertainty and your goodness to all your people

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we pray for our Clergy and churchwardens:- for John, Julian, and Tonia, for Robert, Joy, Marjorie, Ashlyn, Lucia and Paul. We pray for Gemma and Michael as they prepare to move on to challenges new in Dorset and we give thanks for all they and we have gained in our three years together. As we look forward to welcoming our new Rector Leonard and his family to the parish, we pray for their move and that they quickly feel loved and settled here. We pray for Pamela in the Church office, all those on our PCC and committees and for everyone who contributes to the life of our parish in many and varied ways. May the unity and teamwork within our churches be an example to our church community and our local community as an outworking of your kingdom on earth. Bless our ministry in your name.

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Creator God, as we celebrate the good things in our community, help us not to forget those who are hurting and find life difficult, especially as the pandemic continues its impact on health and wellbeing, family life and relationships, jobs and finances. We pray for those struggling with illness, depression, loneliness. We particularly remember those named on our pew sheet and also any known personally to us. In a moment of silence let us lift them to your care.

*(Short Silence)*

Be with all those for whom we pray and may they feel your comforting touch in their lives.

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Merciful God, when someone we love dies, help us to remember that Your Son is preparing a place for us to live with You. Thank You that it will be more than just a wonderful place. It is where we will live with You eternally and know You forever. We especially remember the families recently bereaved who are coming to terms with their sudden loss. Be with them as they adjust to a new reality. Hold them in your loving arms and bring them comfort and peace.

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Gracious God, as we go out into our world this coming week, bless our ministry. Give us courage to speak out, opportunities to show compassion and encouragement when things seem tough. May all that we do be for your praise and glory.

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