

Intercessions for Sunday 12th September 2021

God of all creation. You hold us in your hands and fill our souls with your almighty love and light. You give us strength and courage to take that light and love out into your world, to share the gospel with others and to offer comfort to those in need. Thank you for these gifts and we pray you will guide us to use them wisely and compassionately, to stand firm in our faith and to act on all that you have taught us.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

We pray for a world that is too often darkened by prejudice, power, and greed, where the marginalised in our societies are the ones who suffer most. We share the anguish of those who have lost so much, and we pray especially for the people of Afghanistan other nations suffering strife at this time. May they feel your presence, your strength, your love, and come to know the truth of your promise that we shall never be overcome by the darkness of human nature.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

We thank you for our own country which is safe, free, and bountiful by comparison, and for our Parish as we see it grow and prosper. We pray for our three Churches and our Clergy as we come together as one family to serve all who live here and all who are yet to come. Guide us as we explore and share new ways to use the gifts you have given us to provide spiritual and practical support to all who seek us out, and that they also will come to know the power and comfort of your love as we do.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

God of Life. We ask for your healing hands on all those who are enduring pain and illness, and for those who see little hope in their future. We ask that your blessings be upon **Joyce, Bridget, Sophie, Thea, Kate, Colin, Natalie, Louise, Reuben, Rosalind, Simon, Bernadette, Andrew, Sarah, Daniel, Jack, Hazel and Maurice, Ann, Doreen, Linda, Claire, Steve, David, Bob, Pamela, Meg, Barbara, Rachel, and Daphne.** We also pray for all others known to us and in our hearts, that they may find peace and strength in your presence.

We pray for the families of those who have recently said goodbye to their loved ones including **Carlene, Rosemary, John, Marjorie, George, and Chris.** We ask that you draw close to them as they walk this new road burdened by the pain of grief. May they be comforted in the knowledge that although death comes to us all, you give us hope for a glorious new eternal life.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

God of love and hope. Renew in us a deeper sense of who we are in you and as we live each day, help us to be aware of your presence and be thankful for all that we have. May our words, thoughts and actions be living examples of your all-forgiving love and as we walk in your light, we give thanks and praise for all you have given us in grace.

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