

Intercessions for Sunday 2nd November

Let us pray for the church and the world and let us thank God for his goodness.

Loving God, whose saints have witnessed God's glory, help us to pray for those who guide us each week and help us to come closer to His likeness. We pray for our local churches of St Stephen's, St Annes and St Giles, as we unite in the company of all the faithful and offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Loving God, we pray for all Christian churches throughout the world as they meet on All Saints day, to worship and praise you and enjoy fellowship with each other. We say special prayers for the safety of Christians who are persecuted because of their faith, that one day they may worship openly. We pray for the leaders of all Christian churches, for the bishops, priests and lay readers, and ask that you send your Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen and inspire them as they teach and lead those who want to learn more about the teachings of Jesus. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for our troubled world and for the leaders of all nations, that they will serve all of their people rather than their own interests. We ask you are with those where there is suffering, violence or pain. We pray for those people living through the dangers of war or oppression and those who are forced to leave their homes to seek refuge elsewhere. Be with those who are trying to bring peace in areas of warfare and terrorism, and with the relief agencies who are working to bring food and medicine to those in need. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we thank you for the communities of which we are part, that we may all find a way of supporting those in need. We pray for those who volunteer to help in the local charity shops, offering their time to help those in need. For Churches together in Willenhall as they work to bring the local churches together. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, in your great mercy comfort and be with those who are sick, injured or distressed in body, mind or spirit. Help them to draw strength from you and know that you are with them in all their troubles. We pray for the homeless and for those who are lonely. We pray for those known to us who needs God's healing touch today.

Loving God, we ask you to draw close to all of those known to us so that they may be aware of your healing presence, and we ask you to provide your peace and comfort for them at this time. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, your love reaches beyond the grave. We pray for those whose lives have been changed by the death of a loved one and for those whose anniversary falls at this time of year.

For those who will be remembered at our Memorial Service this afternoon. Help us to draw comfort from the Holy Spirit, and the fellowship of our church family, and we thank you for your promise of eternal life for everybody who puts their trust in your Son Jesus. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God, as we leave this service, we thank you for the knowledge that you will be with us as we seek to serve you during the coming week.

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

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