

Let us pray for the church and for the world and thank God for His goodness

Almighty and ever living God who has promised through Your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith we beseech you to continually inspire in us and Your whole church a spirit of truth unity and concord so that we can bear witness to You at all times and in all places.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless and guide all in positions of power, leadership and responsibility in the ways of truth, justice and mercy, putting the good of those whom they serve before their own desires.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look down in mercy on those places where there is war, conflict or political uncertainty. Protect the innocent, soften the hearts of those engaged in dispute and guide those seeking peace. In particular we pray for lasting peace settlements in Ukraine and the Holy Land.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We offer our prayers for those in need – the poor, the hungry, those subjected to discrimination, persecution or abuse, those suffering through natural or manmade disaster. We thank You for the work of aid agencies, food banks and all organisations and individuals who give them help and support and who by their loving care endeavour to make the world a better place.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those suffering through sickness ,injury, disability or mental illness especially those with chronic or terminal conditions, that they may find strength and hope in the power of Your Holy Spirit. May their families and all those who care for them whether in hospitals, hospices and care homes or in the community be given compassion and strength for their task.

Together with others known to us we pray for

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who mourn that they may receive support and comfort.

We thank You for all those who have gone before us into Your glorious kingdom, praying for the souls of people special to us and of..... recently departed. And also..... whose years minds fall this week.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ may we come at last with St Stephen and all the company of heaven to stand in Your presence, offering thanks and praise for Your great love and mercy and the beauty and diversity of Your creation.

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