

## Prayers Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

As we bring our thoughts, needs, and desires to God, let us still our hearts and minds so that we will be able to hear his answers.

Lord Jesus, Risen and reigning Lord, we know that you have gone to prepare a place for us, so that where you are, we may be also. You alone are the way, the truth, and the life by whom the Father comes to us. We know that you are always with us even when we are so busy with our daily lives that we forget you. As we pray and reflect on your word, we thank you for your promises and the blessings we have received in the past. When we are struggling or we lose our way, let us take time out to remember you are with us always. **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for the leaders of the church throughout the world. We pray for our local churches and those that lead us in the understanding of your word and how we can share your love and understanding with those in our local community. We remember those who are still persecuted for their faith. Today we ask the Holy Spirit, to give each one of us for guidance and inspiration as we prepare for our Annual Parochial Church meeting later this month. We pray that people will willingly put themselves forward to serve on the P.C.C and the Deanery Synod, bringing new ideas and thoughts and prayers to help this church to continue to be the beacon of light in the community. **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for the people of the world, the victims of accident, war, disease, violence, greed and natural disasters. We pray for Hope and peace in Ukraine, The Middle East and Sudan and all other countries torn apart by senseless violence. We pray for the Peacemakers around the world, as they work to bring peace to war-torn nations encouraging them to talk to, and listen to each other. We pray for all nations of the world, that people will learn to live together with respect and love for one another. **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for people who are suffering, physically, mentally or spiritually , for those who feel trapped by pain, loss or depression or loneliness. We thank you for those who work so hard, to care for those in our hospitals, or at home, for the grieving and all those whose hearts are troubled. We remember those close to our own hearts. We pray that you will open their hearts to your peace and healing and fill their lives with your healing presence and wrap your loving arms around them **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, We pray for all who mourn, those people who have lost loved ones recently and those who are watching and waiting as their loved ones approach the end of their lives. We remember those close to us whom we have loved who are no longer with us. For those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time. We give you thanks for their lives and for the memories we shared. We pray that all who mourn find your comfort and peace in their sorrow and pain. **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, as we prepare for another busy week in our lives, help us to remember that you are always close by us, guiding and leading us, that we may follow your words and actions in all we do.

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

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