

Intercessions

Loving God, as we come before you in prayer this morning, bringing those people and those situations on our hearts. We thank you that you are a God who is always with us, who hears and responds to our prayers and so in faith we pray...

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we thank you for this house of prayer and for the gift of faith. We thank you that you have called each one of us by name into this church family, to worship you, to pray for the needs of your world and to serve your people. We thank you for the gifts and skills you have given to each one of us for use in your kingdom. Help us to recognise these gifts in ourselves and others and make us ready to hear and respond to your call. May our hearts be full of love for you and our lives, in deed and word, reflect clearly the hope, peace, love and joy which you give.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we hold your world before you this morning, praying particularly for those countries battling daily with the burden of poverty, the devastating effects of climate change or the impact of war and violence. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, Syria, Sudan and so many other countries around the world. We pray for your blessing on the work of all peacemakers and peacekeepers. Lord, pour your healing on your people, give wisdom to all those in positions of power, that they would seek to protect the most vulnerable in their communities and stir the hearts of the international community, to offer support and resources to those countries in most need.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of all healing, we bring to you this morning all who are sick, all who suffer today in body mind or spirit. We remember before you all who have recently received a difficult diagnosis, all awaiting test results or undergoing demanding treatments. We pray particularly today for..... In a moment of quiet, we bring before you all on our own hearts today, all those who have asked for our prayers...

Lord, bring your healing touch and peace to all who are suffering today.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of life, we finally bring before you all who have died, those who have died recently, those who have died this past night, those whose anniversary of death falls at this time....

Loving God, in Jesus you destroyed the power of death and opened the way to everlasting life. Grant us with all who have died in the faith of Christ, a place in your eternal kingdom and pour your comfort and peace into the lives of all who mourn.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St Stephen and all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love as we say:

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

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