

Intercessions 12/7/26

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

Almighty God, we pray that we and all Christians may be empowered by the Holy Spirit in all circumstances to spread the message of Your love and forgiveness. Let us not be disappointed if we ourselves do not see the seed we sow come to fruition but trust in Your eternal plan .

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

Amid constant news of war, conflict and political wrangling, we ask You to guide and support all in positions of leadership or influence that they may honour all people and seek the common good. We pray especially for those trying to bring about peace in the Middle East and Ukraine and in other conflicts around the world. Also for politicians in this country that they may listen to the needs of all before pursuing their own personal goals.

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

We pray for all in need – the poor, the hungry, refugees and the homeless, those subjected to discrimination, persecution or abuse, or suffering through natural and manmade disasters or because of war and other violence. As we thank you for our camping weekend we remember all those to whom a tent ,or any means of shelter is an often unattainable luxury- the poor and homeless and those displaced by war, violence or oppression and by natural disasters such as the earthquakes in Venezuela and wildfires due to the current heat waves. .We thank You for the work of aid agencies, food banks and all organisations and individuals who give them help and support and pray that we may always be alert to the needs of others and ready to give any help within our power

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

We bring before you all those suffering through sickness, injury, disability or mental illness especially those with chronic or terminal conditions, that they may find strength and hope in Your presence with them. 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. We pray especially for those suffering from the effects of the heat wave and for those taking on the extra tasks involved in caring for them.

Together with others known to us we pray for

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

Let us 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 ofrecently departed.

And also..... whose years minds fall this week.

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

Lord Jesus Christ may we so live in the confidence of Your love and forgiveness that we may be found worthy at last to stand in Your presence, where, with St Stephen and all the heavenly host we may offer unendless 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.**

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