

Prayers Sunday 5th July

Heavenly Father, as we worship together as a family in love and fellowship, we ask that you hear us as we bring before you our cares and fears for the world that you ask us to care for. We ask that your blessing of love and peace will be shared with all your people across the world. We pray for your church throughout the world, for Christians everywhere meeting to worship and praise you today especially those who are persecuted for their faith. For Bishops, priests, lay readers and lay people as they help us develop our understanding of God and respond to his love. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, We pray for the leaders of the nations of the world, that the decisions they make, which affect the life around them will lead to peace. For those who govern our local communities that the resources they work with can be shared more equally and fairly within the communities they serve. We pray for those who still live in war torn communities, for those that have been displaced into camps and cannot live and work as they have trained to do. For the children who are growing up in a world that does not allow them to live and grow in a stable family environment. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for our own community, that we may be more welcoming and accepting to those new to the community. For those of different nationalities, colour, genders or status that they may be welcomed and offered work, love and support. We thank you for those who volunteer in the local charity shops, helping those in need and for those supporting the prayer stall and the language café as they reach out to those in need. Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer.**

Loving God, we pray all those who seek help and support with the healing of their body, mind or spirit. We pray for the homeless and the lonely or have no family or friends to support them. We remember before you today those known personally to us. We remember those injured and struggling to find their loved ones following the earthquake in Venezuela. For all that live and work in a caring role, often in exceedingly difficult circumstances. We pray that they will sense the touch of your loving hands and feel your peace and presence alongside them, each and every step of their journey towards healing and wholeness. Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer.**

Loving God, we remember before you all those who have died. For those close to us. For those who have lost their lives in wars and conflicts and the natural disasters occurring throughout your world. We remember those close to us whose anniversary of their passing is at this time. May they see your salvation and find their peace and final rest in you. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Gracious and loving God, as we put our concerns, worries and troubles before you today, we thank you for the blessing and gifts you share with us every day. As we leave church help us to remain faithful to you.

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

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