

Intercessions
18th August 2026

God of all humanity, we come before you today with our prayers, knowing that you will hear us, help us and guide us. Help us to pray simply, sincerely, unselfishly, and gratefully as we remember the needs of others as well as our own.

We ask for your blessing to rest upon as we pray in faith:

Father God, we pray for the Church throughout the world, especially where Christians face persecution. We pray for all church leaders. Those who preach, teach and guide bringing your word and love to those who are ready and open to receive it.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

God of fairness and all that is just, inspire the hearts of those in positions of power across the world, that they would serve as compassionate leaders. We pray that governments would rule with wisdom and seek you as their guide in their decision making. We particularly pray for all those countries where there is war, violence, or fragile peace and trust that you are working in all those situations to bring reconciliation.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Compassionate God we pray for the people of our parish and the community of Willenhall. Let us as Christians lead in working to build a community which demonstrates the same generous love that is shown by you through Christ Jesus. We pray for all those who feel excluded, exploited, or ignored in our community and all who are homeless. We pray that Gary would be aware of your presence with him and ask that you would keep him safe and work to improve his situation.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

We bring before you all who are carrying heavy burdens today. We pray for those struggling with physical illness, chronic pain, or mental health battles. In a moment of quiet, we name those known to us who need your healing touch right now..... Wrap them in your love, calm their fears, and let them know they are never alone. On this Feast of St Luke, we lift up all who work in medicine and care. We thank you for doctors, nurses, paramedics, mental health professionals, care workers and scientists. Give them strength in their exhaustion, wisdom in their decisions, and deep compassion for every patient they serve.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries fall at this time. We pray for those who died in hospitals, hospices, care facilities, and at home, and pray for the staff, caregivers, family and friends who were with them at the end. We remember in prayer..... Welcome them into the light of your kingdom where there is no more pain or sorrow, only eternal joy.

Gathering all our prayers into one:

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

Rev Kerry