Intercessions – All Saints

As the days grow shorter and the mornings darker, we are reminded that Christ is our light in every season. On this Feast of All Saints, we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith and pray for the needs of the world, the Church and our community.

We pray for the Church throughout the world. May we be less concerned with getting everything right and more committed to following Christ faithfully. Help us to remember that saints are not people who never made mistakes, but people who never stopped trusting in your grace. We pray for all who lead and serve your Church, especially Ros, Mike, Kerry and Tina as they guide and encourage us in our faith. Grant them wisdom, joy and strength in their ministry.

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

We pray for the leaders of nations and all who influence others. Grant them wisdom, humility and courage. May they seek not their own glory but the common good, remembering that true greatness is found in service.

Today we remember especially the people of Spain following the devastating rail disaster near Toledo this week, in which many lost their lives and many more were injured. Comfort those who mourn, strengthen emergency workers and healthcare teams, and guide all those investigating the tragedy and seeking to prevent such suffering in the future. May your peace be known wherever there is fear, uncertainty and loss.

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

We give thanks for the quiet saints among us: the friend who checks in, the neighbour who notices, the volunteer who turns up, the family member who never gives up.

As the darker evenings draw in and winter approaches, we pray for those who find this season difficult. For people who feel isolated, for those without enough warmth or companionship, and for all who face financial worries and uncertainty in the months ahead. Help us to be a light to one another, offering kindness, hospitality and hope wherever we can.

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

We pray for all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, for those living with pain, confusion or anxiety, and for those caring for loved ones. We remember especially those affected by bereavement, those facing difficult diagnoses, and those whose struggles are hidden from others.

May they know your presence beside them, bringing comfort, healing and strength for each new day.

We pray for those who are ill who are known to us … Surround them with your peace and may they know they are held in the prayers of others and cherished in your sight.

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

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We give thanks for the saints whose names are known throughout history and for those known only to those who loved them. We remember parents and grandparents, friends and colleagues, whose faith, kindness and example have helped shape our own journeys.

We thank you for their lives, their wisdom, their laughter, May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Lord, help us to become the saints you call us to be. the everyday kind: faithful, compassionate, courageous and full of hope. Give us grace to follow Christ in our homes, workplaces and communities.

Faithful God,

You have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses. As we give thanks for all your saints, help us to run with perseverance the race set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

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