

Intercession prayers for 12th July 2020.

Blessed are you, O Lord, Almighty God,
to whom our innermost thoughts are revealed.
You know our needs much better than we ourselves can ask
Even so, we come to you in prayer.

God of Love, be very present in all our relationships.
May we seek to understand, forgive and value those who we find it difficult to know - we ask for your spirit
of generosity and kindness.
Help us to support and comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones, - enfold them in your love.
May we encourage and care for those who are sick in body, mind and spirit - we ask for your healing and
strength for them.
Deepen our relationships with those we love and shower them with your blessings.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We lift our church community to you, Father, thanking you for its variety, depth, vibrancy, skill and
enthusiasm. We ask you to encourage, bless and prosper all we do to serve our community and grow our
church.
We pray for the Alpha course, for those leading and for those taking part at whatever stage of their faith
journey, that their knowledge, understanding and belief in You may grow.
We give thanks for all who are involved in the foodbank, in creating and delivering Home Packs and in all
aspects of caring, praying for and supporting those in need.
We lift to you the preparations for Holiday Club asking you to bless and encourage all those who will lead
and take part.
We welcome Rachel Snow, our curate and ask you to bless her ministry and guide her work amongst us.
We pray too for your blessing on Claire McDonnell as she prepares to welcome her new baby into the
world.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, we are thankful for the lifting of lockdown restrictions and the greater opportunity to meet
with loved ones, celebrate birthdays, arrange holidays and social occasions. We pray for safety for all, for
self-control and care and consideration for others as we enjoy these new freedoms.
We lift to you, Lord, areas where there is a new outbreak of coronavirus and restrictions are back in place
and we ask for your healing presence there.
Lord, we are profoundly grateful for all those in the caring professions, thank you for their hard work and
dedication and for the many personal sacrifices they have made for the benefit, health and well-being of
others.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of All, our world feels confused and the future uncertain. We are full of anxiety and find it hard to trust that you are in control.

Lord, help us to build a stronger, better world where there is equal opportunity, justice, fairness and freedom for all. Where the unemployed find work, businesses flourish and the economy prospers. A world where we accept and value each other and treasure and protect your created world and all that is in it.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Most merciful and loving Father, we ask you to strengthen our faith and open our hearts and minds to you. Set your Holy Spirit to work within us, to encourage and inspire us.

Transform us and help us to grow more like Jesus.

May we be the best we can be for you, Lord, that we may shine with your light and love in this world.

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