

## **August Intercessions 2**

Heavenly Father, we bring our songs and prayers of thanks to you this morning,  
Maker of heaven and earth, you sustain us with your life  
We come to seek your face again, to call on your name,  
Let our praise and prayers be like fragrant incense before your throne today

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the worldwide church of Christ this morning  
Bring unity where there is division  
Let friendships flourish across denominational barriers  
That, as you prayed, we would be one.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

Would the Church bring glory to your name  
And the good news of Christ be boldly proclaimed  
Thank you for the tools of Alpha and similar courses,  
And we pray through these, your Spirit would be at work, bringing people into your family.  
We pray especially for our brothers and sisters who are suffering persecution  
For those who bravely follow you, at the risk of imprisonment  
Give them courage and strength, comfort and hope  
And protect them we pray

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We bring our world before you, the world you made,  
Make us better stewards of this incredible planet  
Raise up leaders who will choose the long-term care of creation,  
over short-term profits

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

At this challenging time of the pandemic,  
We pray for those working in the medical and healing professions  
We thank you for their gifts and skills,  
Please protect and sustain them  
We pray for those working on treatments for those who are ill,  
for progress and breakthroughs,  
And we pray for hospital chaplains, as they offer comfort and hope,  
Open doors for the light of your gospel, wherever they go.  
In these anxious times,  
Help us to put our trust in you, and keep us safe.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We know you are the God who sees and hears every cry of distress.  
So we bring before you the hungry and weak this morning,  
All over this world, those who suffer outside of the gaze of the media,  
In countries ravaged by war, famine and disease,  
And economic mismanagement,  
We cry out for peace where there is conflict,  
Harvests where there is famine and drought,

For aid to reach those who most need it

For corrupt governments to collapse, and righteous leaders to take their place

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We bring our own hearts to you this morning,

Asking for you to fan the flames of love for you

In response to your amazing love for us.

Where our hearts have grown cold, bring renewed passion

Would we love you with our whole hearts,

And as we hear you call us and lead us, let us be ready to say 'yes, Lord'.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We lift before you those in our community who are sick, in body, mind or spirit,

Heal and restore, bind up the broken, set the captives free.

Use our hands and our words, to share your love with others.

We remember those who have been bereaved, and are experiencing the pain of loss,

Holy Spirit, you are the comforter, would you draw near.

We remember with thanksgiving those who we love, but see no longer,

We give thanks to you, for you are the Resurrection and the Life.

Accept these prayers,

For the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,

**Amen.**