

**Intercessions August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Let us pray for our world**

Heavenly Father, thank you that you love this world, that you have made.

We pray for our world and ask for your restoration

For the coming of your kingdom

God of justice and righteousness

Where there is inequality and injustice, poverty or violence,

Would your justice flow like rivers, and righteousness like a never failing stream

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer**

God of peace, Guide our world leaders

To work for peace and reconciliation,

We pray that food and aid will reach those most in need,

Refugees, victims of war and famine

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer**

**Let us pray for our church**

Heavenly Father, you are preparing your church to be like a beautiful bride,

For when Jesus, our bridegroom returns

Help us to be ready,

And with the Spirit we pray, 'Come Lord Jesus, Come!'

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord you know how much we miss coming together to worship you

And sharing in the family meal of bread and wine together

But thank you that your church has not been closed  
As your Holy Spirit lives in each one of us  
And you hear our prayers and worship from our hearts and homes that we offer to you  
Sustain our faith, strengthen our hope,  
That your church would emerge from this season  
More radiant and in love with you,  
And with a greater urgency to show your love to our broken world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**Let us pray for ourselves**

We lift before you those in our parish and on our hearts  
That need the everlasting arms of the Father around them this morning  
Because they are sick, lonely or finding life hard.  
In this quiet moment now, we name them before your throne.....( silence)  
Bring your comfort and aid to them we pray  
And send us to the broken, show us how we can be your hands and feet.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We are not people of fear,  
We are people of courage  
We are not people who protect our own safety  
We are people who protect our neighbour's safety  
We are not people of greed  
We are people of generosity  
We are your people God,  
Giving and loving  
Wherever we are

Whatever it costs

For as long as it takes

Wherever you call us.

Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist conference.

Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**