

Intercessions AUGUST 9th

Lord of heaven and Earth,

We gather together this morning to bring our worship to you,

We stand in awe of you, and wait in hope, for your steadfast love.

We long for you, and bring our prayers to you,

Knowing that you hear us, when we call.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us.

We lift up the leaders of our church to you,

Our archbishops, bishops, priests, deacons, and readers,

Especially Bishop Alan, and Reverend Jeni, and all those in leadership in our diocese,

Thank you for their sacrificial lives spent in serving your people

Protect them, guide them, refresh them and inspire them,

Equip them we pray, to be good, faithful shepherds of your flock.

And we give you thanks today for the inspiring teaching ministry of Jill Thompson,

Bless and refresh her as she moves into a new season, would she know you walking closely alongside her.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us.

We bring before you our MPs, civil servants, community leaders, the Mayors of our cities, police chiefs, and headteachers,

Give them wisdom in the strategies they make,

To strengthen families, and lift up the forgotten and those left-behind in our society,

May the streets of our towns and cities be safe places to walk on

Without fear of violent crime – we pray for peace.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us.

Equip our police officers, probation officers and social workers,
teachers, and youth workers

Those who come alongside vulnerable young people, in deprived areas,
As they support young people with the challenges they face –
We ask that you would give them hope for their futures.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us.

Father of the fatherless, defender of the weak

We lift up our world to you, especially those faced with famine, or disaster,

Because of war, disease, corrupt governments or natural causes

Remember your children, hear their cries, and help them we pray

We pray for the work of charities and agencies in these areas,

Protect their staff who work in challenging conditions,

Would they receive the funding, resources and volunteers they need to make a difference.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us.

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

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

Bring them comfort, we pray.

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, Jesus Christ,

Amen.