

Intercessions 27-09-2020

We will be using a verse from our reading from Psalm 27 v 7 this morning as a response to our prayers

I will say

Hear my voice when I call

and your response is

Be merciful to me and answer me

We thank you Lord that we can dwell here in your presence, eager to honour you with our worship, share with you our faults and failings and petition you with our needs and requests.

Be with those in our church family unable to be physically here today due to other calls on their time, and those unable to be here due to their own health or concerns for those they love and care for, wherever we may be physically may we draw near to you now.

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Take a moment to bring to mind all those things that have taken place for you this week, in you home, your work and in our nation.
Give thanks for what has been.

Loving God we bring to you all this week has held, we are grateful for much but also bring you our challenges and the feelings we have associated with the new restrictions that have been introduced, we bring to you our sadness and anger about all that is happening, the loss the presence of this virus brings - loss of contact, loss of livelihoods, loss of opportunity as we knew it. Help us Lord as we process this and share it with you.

We plead with you Lord that the scientists and experts would find solutions and ways to halt the spread of the virus. We may feel fearful for ourselves and our friends and family and ask for your protection on

those in situations around the world significantly worse than our own experience here in the UK.

Give wisdom Lord to global leaders and governments as they respond in this ever-changing situation.

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Lord we miss meeting together and using our voices to bring our praise and worship to you. As we find new ways to worship, give us creativity, the desire and intent to do this.

We thank you Lord that we can still meet with you and others in the knowledge we do that without fear.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who love and serve you in places where they fear for their lives due to persecution. As they meet together they know the challenge of being unable to raise their voices to you in praise due to fear of being heard

We are sorry Lord for times we have let our frustrations at this time move over to selfishness, change our hearts and our perspective

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Yesterday Sarah Richardson and Rachel Snow were ordained deacon and next week Claire Harold is ordained priest

Lord as Rachel, Sarah and Claire serve you in the roles you have placed them in, we would ask that you give them all they need daily. We pray that through them your kingdom would be expanded and grow. We pray that they would be known for knowing you and that their words and actions would draw people to your love, forgiveness and peace. We pray also for Jeni and the ministry team, thank you for their servant heartedness. We pray for strength and refreshing daily in this challenging time.

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We bring to you Lord those in our church family here that are unwell or feeling under pressure at this time. Take a moment to name them in your hearts

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body mind and spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

As we draw our prayers to a close, let us reflect on some further encouragements from Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

Merciful father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen**