

Intercessions for Mothering Sunday

We come before you today Lord so aware of this special day but deep in the knowledge that it is also going to be a difficult or painful one for many as we continue with the restrictions and being separated from loved ones.

God of all, you care for us as a mother and a father. We are created by you and we are special to you, yet we have not appreciated that relationship. We are made to follow your ways and we are special to you, yet we have chosen to ignore you. We are loved without conditions and we are special to you, yet we have not learned to love others. We have the hope that you give us, and we are special to you, yet we have failed to share your hope with others. God of all, you care for us as a mother and a father, and we are special to you. Forgive us all our failings and renew us.

Let us pray today for the whole church worldwide. For all its leaders and everyone who goes to worship you wherever that may be. Help us to be caring and compassionate churches who reach out to our communities and show Gods love to all.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We hold to you Lord our country and its leaders in this pandemic. We pray for the government and its difficult decisions it has to take as we gradually come out of lockdown. Give them your wisdom and love that they may show this care and love to all. We hold our Queen and her family to you in again what are testing times. We know that the Queen has a deep faith in you, and we pray she may draw on you going forward.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our local community and our church family here in Letchworth. We pray for our local hospitals, gp surgeries and vaccination centres and those voluntary organisations who are supporting people currently Let us hold in our thoughts those we know who are struggling with life currently.. Let us as a church family remember our baptism vows and renew our love for you and those in our community.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We hold before you those who are ill physically, mentally or spiritually. Lord pour out your compassionate love on all those who are suffering and help us to reach out to anyone we know and show your love to them.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died in what are such difficult times. We hold to you those who are left and for our ministry team who show your care to all. Give them strength in the time ahead and show them your compassionate love.

As Rachel reminded us today let us be a caring church family, with each other and to the wider community. And finally, let us remember Mary, the mother of Jesus, as we worship today. We think of her example to all those who care for others. We remember her willingness to obey and her thoughtfulness. We remember her risk-taking, and her confusion. We remember her deep concern, and her painful sorrow. Help us to learn from the mother of Jesus and give thanks for all who care for us.

Merciful Father Accept these prayers for the sake of your son Jesus Christ.

Amen.