

Intercessions for Sunday 21st March 2021

Let us pray.....

Heavenly Father, we take comfort in You Lord and recalling Psalm 57 we ask you Lord....

Have mercy on us Our God, for in you we take refuge. We take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. (pause)

Jesus light of the world, bring the light and peace of your Gospel to the Nations and especially we pray *for the leaders of the nations and their governments; for areas most besieged by the pandemic; for broken places where healthcare and resources are scarce, and for those who the pandemic brings further suffering; for...healthcare, for resources and equality, for COVID vaccines, tests and PPE to be distributed to ALL people throughout your world safely,*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayers**

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word, especially we pray for our communities: *for the elderly, confined to their homes and separated from family and support; for children and young people, returning to school and education; for those who have lost their source of income; for the poor and those in need; for those who have no home; for those feeling trapped by their circumstances, feeling they have nowhere to turn, let them turn to You Lord for help, through the kindness and love of others bring them salvation and hope for better days.*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayers**

Jesus good shepherd, who gave your life for the sheep, surround with your care those in particular need especially those who are sick at this time: *for those afflicted with coronavirus; for those with other illnesses and conditions which leave them vulnerable; for those with poor mental health; for all who suffer; remembering especially ... those in our church family, those known to us personally who we bring to mind and hold them before you now Lord. (moment of silence)*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayers**

Jesus, Our way, Our truth, Our life, be with us all who follow you in the way, and especially we pray for your church, deepen our appreciation for your truth, and fill us with your life.

We pray for Christians *throughout the world; for our bishops, for the clergy, for lay ministers, and all the people in their care; for our hospital and hospice chaplains; for all who minister to the sick and the dying; for all who serve you Lord in helping others...bless and protect all your people by filling us with your Holy Spirit and being our constant guide and deliverer.*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Jesus the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believe in you especially we pray for those who have died: *for those taken suddenly; for those taken unexpectedly; for the families they leave behind; for their friends; for those who have died alone; for those known to us personally ; and for those who have no one to remember them. (moment of silence) we hold them before you now, and ask that you raise us with them to eternal life.*

Jesus, Lord of Life, in your mercy hear us, and be with us always.

**Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your son our saviour
Jesus Christ Amen**