

## Intercession for 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Loving father we are so blessed to be able to come into your presence, to bring our worship, our worries and our thanks with grateful hearts for all that you are to us and all that you have done for us. We bless your Holy Name and praise you for the new life you have given us. We thank you Father, that you are always with us, never leaving our side. Even when we think you are far away, you are always the room.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Father we thank you for the different seasons and the joy that they bring. It is such a blessing to see the different colours and sceneries of your creation. May you give us fresh eyes to see the beauty of your world and give us a heart to love and care for it. May we understand and take on board the changes we need to make to protect your world in these days of climate change.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord we ask that you make your presence known to those who cannot be with us today, wrap your loving arms around those who need your peace and comfort. Touch those who are unwell with your healing power. Bring joy to those who are struggling with depression and are heavy hearted with life's worries, bring your peace and be the lifter of their heads. We pray for those who have lost loved ones and ask that you will comfort them, help us, as a church, to love and care for them and for all your people at St Paul's and beyond.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We thank you Lord that your word says we are to be strong in you and your mighty power. Remind us to daily to put on our armour of God, may we wear the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Shield of Faith, the Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit in order to be your ambassadors, standing firm when things around us are challenging or a struggle. May your spirit guide every step and every waking moment of our lives. Help us to lean in to you now and always.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Father God we thank you for the gift of communion, in sharing in the bread of your body and the wine of your blood. May we never ever just go through the motions but always fully immerse ourselves in this wonderful sacrament, for this is where we enjoy intimacy with you, where we can

feel the closeness of your presence. We thank for dying for us and giving us live eternal. We bless your holy name.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord use us for your Glory in our town and surrounding areas, may we see the needs of those both on our doorstep but also beyond, may we become a beacon of your Love to all. We thank you for the numerous teams at St Pauls, who in serving you, serve our community and are the light of Jesus to all they meet. We thank you for their faithfulness, their hard work and determination to bring your joy and peace and love to families and individuals every day.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Father we pray especially for our Vicar Jenni, for our Curate Rachel and their families. We thank you for their faithfulness in serving you and in leading us. We pray a special blessing on them. We pray that they have received some rest and refreshment over the summer months.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord God we pray for our country, for our government as they continue to help us recover from the pandemic. We ask that you will put Christians in place to be your influence for our land. We ask that your holy spirit will sweep through the buildings of government, leaving a presence that people will feel compelled to explore. Heal our land Lord, and use us as your hands and feet to bring justice to the oppressed and hope to the lost.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.