

Intercession Prayer for 19th September 2021

Let us pray.....

Heavenly Father, help us to act from a place of humility with pure and peace loving intentions, may we be considerate, submissive and full of mercy. Lord help us to resist the temptations of the devil and the selfish ambitions of this world, help us remain near to you God, wash our hands of sin and purify our hearts of double mindedness. (James 3-8)

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

Prince of peace, we pray for our world; In particular we pray for peace and stability in Afghanistan; where many thousands of people have fled from their homes in order to escape the Taliban. We pray for all refugees, many of whom are children separated from their families, to receive the love, protection, help and resources they desperately need.

Lord, worryingly we read of North Korea testing missiles this week and we pray for your hand of protection and stability over your children and creation. We pray for peace and for YOUR light to shine victory over darkness.

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

Father, we pray for our government, for Boris Johnson and his new cabinet members. We pray for those who are in positions of authority with responsibility for decision making at national and local level at this difficult time. We ask that YOU would give them wisdom, and honorable judgment.

Father, we pray for the economic wellbeing of the country. We lift before God those who have lost their jobs and face an uncertain and difficult future. Glve them hope for better opportunities to come.

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

Sustaining Father, we pray for the church and for Christians worldwide, may we all be filled with your Holy Spirit afresh, enabling us not through our own abilities but through YOUR glorious power to shine the light and love of Jesus to the world. Through your Spirit enable all servants to excite and inspire the next generations, to enable more of us to share the gospel and gift of your love.

In particular we pray for St Paul's church, as the children's groups reopen we pray for a sense of belonging for our church family and a warm welcome for any new members of our community. Bless all those who volunteer their time to serve, to enable the wonderful services and activities to take place. Bless and protect our priest's Jeni, Amanda and Rachel and all of the wardens, readers and those in training, as they lead us in your love. Bless all those who come to St Paul's, may they feel welcome and loved at whatever stage of their journey they are at.

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

Healing God, we pray for The NHS and other key workers. Today we voice our gratitude for those who serve this country in the National Health Service and pray you would prosper the work of their hands – that they would all be encouraged in their continued work of sacrifice and care amongst us.

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

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who suffer in body, mind, spirit or grief. We ask that in your great loving kindness they might know your sustaining presence amidst their pain. In a moment of silence, we each bring before you any known to us personally who are suffering and ask for you to bring healing and comfort into their lives.....(Short silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Lord, we trust in YOU with all our hearts, help us to lean not on our own understanding, but instead to submit ourselves and our-ways to you and trust you will make our paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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

Now let us pray the Lord's prayer together as Jesus taught us.....

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.