

Intercessions 12 September 2021

Let us quieten our hearts and minds as we come to Jesus, the Messiah, in prayer...*silence*

Father God, we thank you that you are revealed through your son Jesus Christ. Our broken world is evidence of desire to live according to our will, not yours. We lift to you innocent victims of war and oppression. Protect them, we humbly ask, provide for their needs...May refugees know that there is always a permanent home in your heart for them.

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

Gracious God, we thank you that we are united as a Church family as we welcome children back to their groups. Help us to be kind and gentle in our interactions with others. May we use our tongues to praise your name, spread the Good News and speak kindly to one another. We thank you for opportunities to grow closer to you in communion with others. Bless new relationships, we pray, grant wisdom to leaders and nurture seeds of faith.

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

Guiding God, in this month of new beginnings, draw alongside university students, school children and teachers. Help them to adapt to new environments and focus on the positives, learning and excitement of a new term. We ask for your blessing on any new beginnings in our own lives... *silence*

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

Loving Father, give professional health workers the strength and resources to treat and support the physically and mentally ill, we pray. We lift to you those in their care, naming in silence, anyone placed on our heart in special need of your tender care...*silence*

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

Heavenly Father, your son lived and died according to your will so that we may have eternal life. We remember those whose earthly life has come to an end... *silence*...Comfort those who mourn, may they lean on you in their grief.

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

As we commit these prayers to the Lord, may we commit to leading lives guided by the Holy Spirit, abiding in Jesus's love and submitting to our Father's will for us.

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

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