

## Intercessions for Sunday 31st July

Heavenly Father, we are in awe of your wonderful grace that allows us to come before your throne in worship. You lovingly look at us, despite our flaws and inadequacies, you still call us your own and remind us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We bless you and lift your name higher than any other. You are our God, majestic saviour and loving Father.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord as we see the world around us in such disarray, it seems at times that you are so far away, but you are still God, you reign on high, constantly watching over us, you feel our pain, you wipe our tears as we cry out to you. You are always in the room. Remind us heavenly Father to lean into you and not rely on our own understanding, for that Lord is when we lose sight of you. You call us to a life full of promise, a life where you are with us through the calm times as well as the storms. Help us Lord to rest in the knowledge that your plan for our lives is better than our own.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Father we bring our government to you. As we prepare for a new prime minister we pray you will guide the people who vote, so that the person who will lead our country will provide a new and fresh wisdom and outlook. We pray that the British citizens will feel heard and understood in the things that are affecting them. We pray for those who continue to struggle financially, give us wisdom as a church on how we can best support our local community. We thank you for those involved in make a lunch, the community cafe and many other ministries that support those in need.

Lord of your mercy

Hear our prayer

Father we thank you for the joy of holiday club this past week. We pray that through the fun and games of learning about you, a precious seed will be sown in the lives of the children. Give us wisdom in the things we do and say that will inspire all our young people to want to walk with you. We ask a special blessing on the team who put the week together and worked so hard in bringing fun to our little ones. We ask Lord that you will also bless all those in the ministry teams of St Pauls, led so well by Jeni our vicar and curate Rachel. We pray for a summer of relaxation and refreshment.

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