

Intercessions - 20th Nov 2022

Lord God we thank you for all you are to us and for all the blessings you have given us. You are so good to us and we are honoured that you call us your own, children of the most high God. Help us Lord to lean into you, to grow in your love and fill us daily with your spirit so we may shine with your light to all of those we meet every day.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Father as we approach the season of advent and the celebration of your birth, we are conscious that there are so many who may find this precious time a strain and stress. We ask Lord that you will be ever present in the families who struggle, may you inspire us to show your love and compassion to those in need, may we be practical in our support as well as cover these precious families in prayer. Help us to feed the hungry, give warmth and shelter to those out in the cold. Open our eyes to see things as you do.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, we pray for the upcoming services at St Paul's leading up to Christmas, for the Christmas Journey and for the new warm welcome space. May all these events bring joy and peace to all who visit, bringing your birth and love alive for all who come through our doors. Prepare our hearts as we remind our community of what Christmas means, the birth of a saviour, the birth of hope.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Lord in a world crying out for hope, we ask that you will bring your peace, we remember those countries still at war, those who have lost loved ones or live with uncertainty of those who are fighting away from home. Be with them we pray.

Lord in your Mervyn.
Hear our prayer

Lord God we especially bring our clergy team to you and all those who work and support the various ministries of St Pauls. We are so conscious that this is an incredibly busy time. We pray for good health and an abundance of energy as we move through the next 6 weeks and ask for a renewed filling of your holy spirit. We thank you for Jeni, Rachel and Amanda and ask a special blessing for them, may they see your birth with fresh eyes and a new wonder as they carry out the various activities and services over the next few weeks.

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

And as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, your will be done
In earth as in heaven, give us today our daily bread
Forgive 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