

Intercession Prayer for 9th December 2022

Let us pray.....

Everlasting Father, we share today with Mary the joy of anticipation of the greatest gift of all, our Blessed Saviour, Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. We thank you for your LOVE which has been poured out into ALL our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Loving Father, quieten our hearts and minds so that we can hear your voice amongst the hustle and bustle of everyday life as Christmas approaches.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Lord Emmanuel, 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. We give you special thanks for the ministry at our St Paul's church; for our clergy and for all the activities that have or will be held during Advent. We pray for your blessing on all who have attended that they will have seen and heard the good news of the Gospel. We pray any coming for the first time feel welcome to come again and perhaps to explore more, through the alpha course next year.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Prince of Peace, we pray for our government, our prime minister and other world leaders. We ask that you give them a spirit of righteousness and honourable judgement.

We remember before you all those who will spend the Christmas period away from home and family due war and conflict, praying earnestly for peaceful resolutions worldwide.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Father God, as a Nation we face the cost of living crisis which means we are all facing higher expenses for our essential needs.

We pray for any in need of some help and kindness shown to them; for those who are hungry or in need of warmth and shelter. Help us to do all that we can through our

prayers and through our giving to the local and international charities. (**Short Silence**)

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Gracious God, we pray for anyone who is feeling sad. We especially ask for your comfort and healing for all those who are suffering with illness or pain.

Merciful Lord, You know each of our personal challenges and needs. In a moment of silence we will raise those things on our hearts to you now ...(Short silence)

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Loving Father, your love reaches beyond the grave. May those who have gone before us rest in your eternal peace. We remember those who have died and we pray you comfort those who are grieving (Short Silence)

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