

(For intercessor to pray silently before intercessions begin-not to be read aloud)

Lord Jesus, thank you for your love, your grace and mercy, thank you for blessing me with this role of intercessor, Lord Jesus, take my mind and think through me, Take my hands and bless through me, Take my mouth and speak through me, Above all Lord Jesus, take my spirit and pray in me; so that it is you who move and have your being in me. Amen

Almighty God, Creator of all, help us to quieten our hearts and minds to enable us to focus only on you.

Loving Lord Jesus, We are grateful that you are the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. May our love and worship of you so fill our lives that we show you forth to others.

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

Merciful and Almighty God, in our world today; we earnestly pray for PEACE and an end to conflict and war between Russia and Ukraine. We pray for the victims of this war, those who have lost loved ones and those who have left all in search of safety.

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

Almighty God, we pray for our Nation, we pray for Rishi Sunak as he leads our government, grant him the wisdom and discernment to ensure financial stability for our country as the world faces a global recession.

Compassionate God, we lift before you our KEY WORKERS who in coming weeks are striking over fair pay and working conditions; key workers who dedicate their lives to helping and serving others, many of whom fearfully and selflessly worked through a pandemic and continue to work tirelessly in under-resourced public services. We pray for fair negotiations from Politicians for these key workers who we all value and appreciate enormously. We pray also for those who may be affected by these strikes, are able to get the help they need. Father, we thank you for the blessing of our NHS and our schools, we pray politicians will ensure the staff and services are suitably resourced to ensure their future longevity.

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

Lord Jesus, we pray for the church and for Christians worldwide; We pray for St Paul's church and community, we pray for our Vicar Jeni and all those who serve at St Pauls. As alpha course and connect groups begin a new term we pray leaders be filled with goodness and knowledge, that we are competent to instruct one another, may we all proclaim the gospel of Christ through the power of the Spirit of God, so that those who were not told about him will see and those who have not heard will understand and be blessed. May we all, as Jesus did invite others to simply 'Come and see'.

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

Merciful Lord, You know each of our personal challenges and needs. In a moment of silence, we will place into your loving hands our personal prayers, trusting in you. (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 for those saddened by grief
(Short Silence)

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