

Intercessions Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

Let's Pray.

Heavenly Father, as we come into your presence to pray, quieten our heart & minds..... Let us focus on You Lord Jesus as we bring before You our prayers & petitions.

Lord, help us be a church... who longs for Your presence... help us be a church... who continues to welcome.... A church where we find love & acceptance. (A church where the water of our lives is turned into a rich, glorious wine.)

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayers.....**

We earnestly pray into the needs of our broken world. We ask you to bring your life changing power into lands where there are more conflicts than peace. Into governments where there is more corruption than integrity.

Holy Spirit, dwell in the halls of power & rest upon all those who threaten peace & stability.

Father God, we cry out to you amid the chaos in our own country, with on-going strikes, financial instability & rising costs. Bring wisdom to our government & those in authority, help them to find satisfactory solutions to the demands we face. Lord above all, heal our nation.

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

Throughout these difficult times, let your church shine out. Let us become that beacon of hope. We lift to you our ministries of outreach, we pray especially for warm space & community café. Grant us grace to live well before others & share your abundance of love.

Lord, you know the needs we have here. We pray this morning, for a calling within our church community, for hearts to be reached, to the service of church wardens.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Caring & compassionate God,

You know each of us, even in the midst of our darkest moments, you see us. To you, Lord, we are not just a face lost in the crowd, we thank you that we are much more important to You than that. Let your love bring us hope. Let Your love compel us to stand together united in prayer.

In a few moments of silence, we bring to you those whom we know, who need our prayers.

**Behold Him**, as He walks amongst us, **Behold Him** who gives us strength when we are weak, **Behold Him**, who turns the water (of our lives into a rich, glorious) wine.

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