

Intercession - 23rd April 2023

Father God we come before you now in prayer, we thank you for your faithfulness, we thank you for your love, we thank you that through your life giving sacrifice, you gave us life and not only life eternal but an abundant life whilst we are on our earthly home . Help us Lord to be grateful for all that we have and for all that you are to us.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord Jesus we thank you for the world you created, forgive us for the way we have treated it, inspire us Lord to be better custodians of your creation. Father may we always appreciate the joys of nature, may we slow down and breathe in the delight of our surroundings, help us to see beyond the busyness of our days and remove the hurry from our lives and in our slower pace may we tune in and hear your voice.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Father we continue to see so much war, famine & chaos in countries across the globe. Lord we cry out to you to bring hope in our world. You are the light of the world, help us to inspire and lead others to see your Glory, to see that you are the lighthouse in stormy seas guiding our way in what seems like a never-ending horizon of desperate situations. Help us to be instruments of wisdom and bring your peace.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

Father we bring the unrest of our own country to you. We pray for the strikes and ask that the government will bring an end to these situations. We pray that they will find a way in which everyone will feel appreciated and rewarded appropriately.

We also remember our sovereign, King Charles, as he prepares for the coronation on May the 6th. We pray your blessing on his reign and ask that you give him Your wisdom. We ask that the coronation will be a vibrant happy occasion that will bring joy to our land.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Father we pray for all those St Pauls family members who are unwell and ask that your healing power will touch their bodies. Meet with those who are sad, lonely or struggling emotionally. We ask that you will wrap your arms of comfort around those in need.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord God we ask that you will oversee our APCM after the service, may you guide us through the decisions that need to be made. May we hear your voice in all that we do. We thank you for our clergy team, help us to support them loyally and lovingly as they guide us in all that we do. We ask that you will bless the entire families of our vicar and church team, help us to appreciate the impact ministry has on family life and do all we can to support them as a family unit.

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