

Intercessions for Sunday 21st May 2023

Loving Lord Jesus we pray to you together today as we wait in this period between your ascension into heaven and the day of Pentecost, when you sent your gift of the Holy spirit to live within us. We model the apostles who in this time of waiting, prayed constantly for your kingdom to come and planned how they could be used for your great commission- to go and make disciples of all men. We pray for your Holy spirit to come so we may receive your power when the Holy Spirit refreshes our souls, baptise us afresh today with your Holy Spirit, may we receive this gift like a violent wind from heaven, to rest on each of us like tongues of fire, and for us to receive the power which will enable us to be witnesses to the ends of the earth proclaiming the gospel in all we do and all we say.

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

Heavenly father, we give thanks for the church of St Pauls' as this weekend we celebrate 100 years since this church was built, we give you thanks that for 10 decades in which you have blessed the lives of millions of people who have walked through the doors of this church, thank you that your Holy Spirit enables so many wonderful lives to be transformed by your light and love. We pray you continue to bless our St Paul's church as the building project begins, we give thanks to you for providing the resources to make this possible.

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

On this centenary celebration we remember Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honour come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.(1 Chronicles 29:11)

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

Healing Lord. We bring to mind and pray for anyone who are feeling weary and burdened, sick or suffering. Lord we pray for miracles, for your healing power, for rest, comfort and excellent medical care to those in need.

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

Gracious God, Your word says blessed are those who mourn, for you will comfort them, may you draw close to and bind up the wounds of the broken-hearted mourning the loss of loved ones.

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