

Intercessions for Sunday 18th June 2023

High king of Heaven, as we enter prayer now, help us to recentre our scattered senses on your Holy presence.....

Father in Heaven, our creator, on this day as we celebrate and honour our Fathers, we first look to you in all your glory and say Thank you Father, with all our hearts we adore you, with all our minds we are grateful, and with all our souls we worship and praise you.

Heavenly Father, your glory and magnificence is all around us, we are so grateful that you are a merciful and graceful Father, that while we were still sinners you sent your son to die for us, demonstrating your eternal love for us, you are not a distant Father but a Father who cares, who comforts, and blesses us, a Father who is slow to anger and abounding in love. Thank you for your protection over our lives day and night, may we daily reflect your love for us to those around us.

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the love and sacrificial support received from our earthly Fathers or those who have acted in a fatherly role to us, guiding, nurturing and teaching us, providing a safe place in which to grow and prosper with their time and attention.

Father we pray for those who find this day difficult, those who have lost a child or a Father, for those who longed to be a Father, for those who did not have a loving Father, and for Fathers separated from their families, we lift them all to you now, may they find comfort in your loving presence,

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

Father we pray for your church, especially we pray for our St Pauls family, who today celebrate with joy all those being baptised and confirmed today, we pray you bless and accompany them all the days of their lives. We pray that your kingdom continues to grow. Baptise us all afresh with your spirit, enabling us to proclaim Christ in all we do and all we say.

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

Healing Lord, We bring to mind and pray for anyone known to us personally who is in need of your healing power.....(short silence), we especially pray for those in hospital in need of medical care and treatment.

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 brokenhearted mourning the loss of loved ones. Together we bring to mind those loved ones that we have lost and pray they are with you in Heaven.

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