

Intercession - 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Father God we come before you in awe of your majesty and worship you for who you are and all you have done. You are the same yesterday, today and forever, and your power never wanes. You are our strength in times of trouble, our peace in any storm, there is no one like you. We bless your holy name.

Lord in your mercy -hear our prayer

Lord Jesus we remember all the church activities coming up over the summer. We think particularly of holiday club. We thank you for Emma as she leads the team. We pray for plenty of helpers and ask for your blessings on all that are involved. We pray for every child that attends and ask Lord that you will make yourself known to every little one who walks through our doors. We pray this will also impact their families and that St Pauls will act as a beacon for your love in our community.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

Lord God we thank you for all the faithful members of St Pauls who serve in so many of our ministries. We lift up our new church wardens to you and ask a special blessing on Natalie and Nathan. Grant them your wisdom in all they need to do. Lord we thank you for them, for offering to fill such an important role in the life of our church. We thank you for all the ever growing ministry teams, we continue to pray that you will provide people to fill any gaps.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer

Father we look to the wider world and see so many troubling situations, of wars, of poverty, of people dying without the appropriate medical care. We cry out to you oh Lord that your spirit will sweep through our world, touch the lives of those who are struggling and heal the sick. We pray for those involved in war and ask that you will bring an end to these atrocities, guide those in government to help in bringing this to an end.

Lord in your mercy – here our prayer

Bless us all oh Lord in all our endeavours, may we shine with your Glory in all that we do. May your love and light be our daily guide. May each new day that heaven grants us, never be wasted, may we never miss an opportunity to love, to see, to feel, to breathe in all that you have for us.

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

And as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come, your will be done

In earth as in heaven, give us today our daily bread

Forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours.

Now and forever. Amen