

Prayers – 13.8.23

Ripple prayer is **prayer that expands outward**, much like the ripples on a lake. When we throw a stone into a lake, a ripple is created, which gradually expands outward. Likewise, in ripple prayer, our prayer focus moves from ourselves and reaches out to our families, organizations, neighbours, communities, nation, and world.

We pray for ourselves & our families: those away on holiday, those struggling to manage their time and finances during the summer break. Those we know who are struggling with their mental, physical & emotional health. We take a moment of silence now to bring those we love and know to God:

Lord in your mercy:

We now pray for our local community & organisations, our local council, and its members. Those local organisations & volunteers who take time to look after our community. We pray especially for our local food bank & the Make Lunch team. We pray for our local churches here in Letchworth. We pray for Jeni as she enjoys some downtime with her family.

We pray for Amanda as she leads All Saints & St Mary's. We pray for the on-going works on All Saints to come to a successful completion so that this church may become a real focus in the local community.

Lord in your mercy:


We pray now for our own country. For our PM & the members of our government. Our local MP & all those who serve this country, whether paid or voluntary. We ask that your ways of peace, love & reconciliation will prevail. We ask that as a country we can move forward in such a way that benefits all in society regardless of wealth, religion, or social background. We pray for a loving and just society for all.

Lord in your mercy:

We now pray for our world & all its brokenness. For countries torn apart by war, famine or social injustice. We pray today in particular for the Ukraine, for Hawaii, for Norway, and those countries still affected by wildfires and the consequent devastation to life & land.

Please help us & our fellow nations to think of our world and the consequences of our actions & ways of live that affect our planet.

Merciful father:

A person is standing on a rocky cliff overlooking a vast, turquoise ocean under a clear sky. The water is a vibrant blue-green color with white foam from the waves. The person is small in the distance, standing on a large rock. The sky is a pale, clear blue.

*Our existence creates a ripple.
Sometimes we are very aware
of our ripple. Other times, we
may never know how our little
ripple effected the life of
another.*