

## INTERCESSIONS FOR 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2023

Father God, You already know the prayers on our hearts, draw close to us now, and hear us as, together, we pray in faith.

God, Our Father,

Thank you for our thriving church family and especially for the young people currently away for the weekend at Buckden Towers. May they build friendships, grow in faith, and meet with you. We lift Claire, and the team of leaders, to you, asking that you would give them all they need to sustain and encourage them as they lead this wonderful event.

*Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.*

God of peace,

We pray for peace in all the war-torn areas of the world today. We earnestly pray for an end to the devastating conflict between Hamas and Israel in Gaza.

We fervently hope that our own country, along with the international community, may work to bring peace and a de-escalation of hostility in the area.

We pray for the safety and well-being of all people, Israeli and Palestinian, soldiers and civilians, who are caught up in this horrific conflict.

Bless, encourage and support all organisations bringing humanitarian aid and support to those in need, we pray.

We pray too, for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine, and ask that a peaceful solution may be found. May relief, comfort and care reach all those who are suffering because of the conflict.

*Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.*

God of Love,

We lift to you areas of the world affected by natural disasters. We pray for those for whom life is difficult because of the high winds and flooding caused by storm "Babet" in our own country.

We remember too the people of Afghanistan, who have lost so much as a result of the recent earthquakes there.

And we lift to you all people around the world who are trying to rebuild their lives after the destruction of wildfires and flooding of recent months.

We pray your comfort and hope - and that practical help and resources may reach all in need. And we ask that governments, relief organisations and aid agencies may work effectively to improve the situation in these areas.

*Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.*

God of Life,

We pray for people who are struggling because of the cost-of-living crisis in our own country.

All those who are hungry and unable to afford enough food.

All those who are cold and unable to find shelter or afford heating.

All who are struggling with life and have no hope for the future.

We pray that, through your divine power, their needs may be met.

We pray for good decisions for the prosperity of our country. Give all who are in positions of power and who can make a difference, the wisdom, integrity, and dedication - and all the resources they need - to work for a better future.

*Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.*

Father God, we are blessed to live under your care and protection. Thank you for your loving kindness that never fails us. We thank you that you would guide our thoughts and actions to serve others and to bring you glory. Strengthen us and fill us with your peace, we pray.

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