

**St Paul's Letchworth
Intercessions - 16th June**

Lord, we thank you for today. The chance to meet in your presence, to build community and to worship together. We ask that you show us how we can live by faith and not by sight. To teach us to put our trust fully in you and to have no fear as we take a leap, scale a mountain or step into the unknown.

We pray that we will always take time to listen, and seek out the quiet voice or the loud shout deep within us. To hear your word, your comfort, and your command.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

God, as many of us celebrate Fathers Day, we thank you for all the wonderful fathers and grandfathers that you have gifted the world with. The dads and caregivers who guard families and raise children. The men who show their community compassion, support and love. We pray that you will continue to guide them and fill them with your goodness and your word.

Lord, we know that for many the term Father can be challenging and carry pain. We pray for those that feel this and ask that they receive your comfort, your blessing and your love.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord, as we are reminded of the parable of the seed, we reflect on our impact in your world. On how our actions, words and deeds can influence so much. We pray that we are always reminded of the sacrifice that you made for all of us, and ask that you help us to cast off any judgment that we have of others and to regard no one from our own worldly view.

Father, we rejoice in the role that St Pauls plays within our community. The impact it brings to those around us. We ask that you bless and nurture its work and all the wonderful staff and volunteers who make outreach within Letchworth possible.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Father, peacemaker, when we consider impact it's impossible to see past the conflict in our world. The violence that affects every country and community. We pray with every ounce of strength that we have that this violence will end. That there will be peace in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Sudan, Eritrea on our streets and in our homes. That those affected will be supported and cared for - that children in particular will be guarded and protected.

Lord, with the many events that are impacting our world - elections and football tournaments - we pray that we see your work in each of these. That all those standing in elections will approach their campaigns and futures as leaders with humility and grace. That the Euros can be a time to put aside disagreements and rise above challenges.

And Lord, amongst all of this, as we start our weeks we pray that we can allow your words to impact us so that they restore each of us with your love and your peace.

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