

Intercessions 28th July 2024

Let's pray together for our Church, our World, for the needs of others and for ourselves.

God our Father, we pray for your blessing upon our Church. We are grateful for its worship and fellowship, for its nurture and love. Bless those from our church family who are away at New Wine at the moment. Support their fellowship, encourage their worship and grow their faith, we pray. Thank you for our church's care and teaching of children and young people. We lift all the preparations for Holiday Club to you and ask you to bless all who are involved.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Father, we give you thanks for life, and the experience life brings us. We praise you for our country, its beauty, the riches it has for us and the gifts it offers us. We thank you for opportunities for rest and relaxation. For time to spend on leisure activities, time with family and friends and opportunities to explore new places.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Loving Lord we are horrified and fearful when our news is full of stabbings, murders, violence and abuse. Help us to build a better society to live in. We pray for our new government that they might work for a fairer society. Would you inspire our nation to respect and care for each other.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Dear Lord, we pray for a world which struggles to live justly and in peace. We pray for those who lack the basic needs of food, shelter and clean water. We remember with sadness those whose lives are cut short by disease, violence or war, and those who have fled their homes in fear. God of love, we pray for peace, justice and a better future.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Father, we thank you for those people who sustain us by their love and forgiveness. Thank you for the network of people who surround us and make up the fabric of our family and community life. Make us alert to each other's

needs and quick to serve and encourage one another. Make us aware too of the needs of this neighbourhood and help us to serve and support it.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord, we lift to you all who are laid low by suffering and those who are experiencing pain and distress. In a few moments of silence, we name in our hearts all those known to us who are ill or in special need at this time. May the skills and knowledge of those who care for the sick be fully used to help and to heal. Comfort with your presence all those who suffer and give them courage and hope. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We remember before you those who have died recently and those loved ones we have lost some time ago. Give strength and comfort to those who are left to grieve and help us to share in each other's sorrow.

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