

Intercessions - 21st July

Lord, our shepherd. Our guide and navigator. We thank you for your unending compassion. For your love, patience and kindness that you fill our lives with. That lifts us and restores our souls.

We pray that more of our brothers and sisters will come to recognise you as we do. That they will flock towards you to hear your word, to know your gift and to be healed.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord, our cornerstone, we thank you for the foundations of our faith. The teachings you have shared and the community that we have to explore it with. We pray that the outreach ministries of St Paul's, the kindness of our congregation and the words of our clergy will soften the hearts of those in our community and start to transform lives.

Father, as we look ahead we pray that you will bless all of those heading to New Wine this week - may their journey be smooth and their experience enriching. We ask that you continue to bless the preparations for holiday club and the important ministry that it will deliver.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for politics and those involved in it. That it ceases to be divisive and combative, that it brings people together for the good of all. We ask that you take down the barrier separating people and remove any dividing wall of hostility.

Lord, as we consider politics within our country, our new government and new leaders. We ask that you speak into their hearts and direct them to help those in trouble, facing difficulties or scared of what the future holds.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord, as we feel the heat and see reports of severe flooding we are reminded of the impacts that climate change can bring. We pray that you will protect those affected, to cool those struggling with the temperature and drive people to action to protect your planet.

Father, peacemaker, the ever present threat of conflict concerns us - the conflict we see in society, wars between nations and disputes between families and neighbours. We ask that you bring your presence down into these situations - to ease tensions, calm disputes and bring peace.

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

Transition to Lord's Prayer: As he taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us 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.