

## Prayers for Sunday 30th June

Lord God we have come before you today to offer our praise and adoration. You are God the creator, giving us richly all things to enjoy. You are Christ the Saviour of the world, made flesh to set us free. You are the Spirit of truth and love, willing to dwell in us. You are holy and blessed.

One God, Eternal Trinity, be near to us the people formed in your image, and close to the world your love brings to life.

### **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Lord of the universe we praise you for your creation, you have provided mankind with everything it needs for life and health. Help us to respect and care for our planet and ensure we take measures to protect it.

### **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Sovereign Lord as our country is now preparing for a General Election we reflect on the significance of this event and the impact on daily lives.

We pray:

For our government in a time of waiting and change to come; for the leaders of the parties who have put themselves forward as our next Prime Minister; for openness, honesty, integrity and wisdom  
For all who are standing as candidates to be members of Parliament; for an understanding of the real needs of their constituencies and for a commitment to serve wholeheartedly

For those whose role is to manage our voting system; for Local Authorities, Returning Officers, their staff and volunteers

For those of us who have the responsibility of voting; for careful consideration, discernment and open-mindedness

### **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our friends and family who may be poorly in mind or body, the nurses and carers in hospital and the more invisible carers looking after loved ones at home.

We also pray for those who have lost a loved one recently, for all those who live in our hearts and minds. May they find comfort in your sustaining and everlasting love.

We take a moments silence to remember those loved ones.

Lord we pray for your church throughout the world, for those that are thriving and those which have lost a sense of direction. We give thanks for our church and its people, and gladly acknowledge all the gifts you have given us through its life, we ask you to open wide our hearts that we may welcome the stranger and share our faith with others, open wide our minds that we may receive new truth and understand your will, open wide our doors, that as we have come into worship so we may go out with you to the service of the world, open wide our lives that through discipline and prayer we may experience your power in daily living.

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