

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray....

Help us to be more like Jesus....

We long to be the seed that fell on good soil in your parable of the sower. May our toil and strife in this world be forgotten in seeking your presence in our lives. Help us to sow your compassion and love in all of the relationships we tend to. Let all of those around us reap in abundance the redemption and love that you offer by seeing your light in us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Help us to see more like Jesus....

Give us eyes to see our lives from your perspective. Humble us to view ourselves as tiny children. We pray for all children and those who care for them at this time. We pray especially for all of the children that we know. As we watch them grow and flourish, help us to show them the light of your love all around them and within them. We pray for all children who are suffering.

Children who are hungry.

Children who are despairing.

Children who are lonely.

Children who are homeless.

Children who are broken. May they know your presence.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Help us to hear more like Jesus....

Give us ears to hear through the commotion of our world today. Grant us the space to hear your still, small voice. Let us rest in the stability of your steadfast, all encompassing presence. Give us strength in the difficulties that we face especially in this time of global crisis and deep uncertainty. We pray for those who have been directly affected by the pandemic and all of us who fear for ourselves and our loved ones.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Help us to understand more like Jesus....

We pray for wisdom and empathy in all of our exchanges with others. May our compassion touch the lives of those we that meet. We pray particularly for those that are ill and struggling and for those who sit beside them. We pray for all those who have died this week and for those who mourn their loss. Hold them in your hands, Lord at this desolate time.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Help us to speak more like Jesus....

Give us lips to proclaim your message to the world. Let us pray for all of those worldwide who are working in ministry in your name:

We pray for those at the Head of the Church of England and the difficult decisions that they face in these turbulent times.

We pray for Christian Aid and their work in the poorest countries of the world coping with coronavirus – educating, providing essential healthcare and reaching out to the most vulnerable.

We pray for our own ministry team who have been grappling with new ways of speaking your word and sowing seeds in our community. We pray especially for our new curate Reverend Lin as she begins her journey with us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus, we reflect on the words of C.S. Lewis:

“The more we let God take us over,
the more truly ourselves we become – because He made us.

He invented us.

He invented all the different people that you and I were intended to be....

It is when I turn to Christ,

When I give up myself to His personality that I first begin to have a real personality of my own.”

Let us pray for our relationships with you, Lord.

Help us to be more like Jesus.

Forgiving and faithful and true.

Holding your light shining in us.

Oh, Guide us to be more like you!

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son

Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.