

### **Intercessions for Sunday 30 August:** Let us Pray

Heavenly Father, thank you for Peter! we thank you – not that he stumbled, but that even as Jesus rebuked Peter, he still loved and forgave him. Lord, we know you will rebuke us, sometimes sharply, when we are a stumbling block and unwitting agent of Satan. Give us grace to repent and humbly take up our cross again, following Jesus alone.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our Bishops, ministers and Laity that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit. We pray for the Church, both here in our Parish and worldwide that we may go forward together in unity and strength. Help us to respect the beliefs of others even if we do not share them, to celebrate what we have in common and to accept our differences. Guide us all in our ministries as we live each day.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray that the Holy Spirit of Peace might help the leaders of nations to seek justice and peace. May there be good news for the poor and the broken hearted; release for those illegally or wrongly imprisoned and an end to the conflicts throughout the world which lead to so much grief and mourning. We pray for all those who are striving to rebuild in places which have been ravaged by war or natural disaster and those who have been forced to flee their homes and are now seeking refuge. We also pray for our national and community leaders and those in public office dealing with difficult situations especially those involved with the serious problems associated with the Pandemic.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we pray for our children and grandchildren who are returning back to school, colleges and universities to continue their education. We especially pray that all places of education will find ways of making teaching and learning safe as well as effective in such strange and difficult times. Help all students in their daily lessons; give them the wisdom to listen and learn and to keep safe. Help their teachers and give them patience and knowledge to teach well and help them all as together they learn the lessons of life.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Lord God help to live out the words of Saint Paul: Let our love be genuine. Make us abhor evil but hold fast to the good. Teach us to love and honour each other. Let us serve you fervently. Make us joyous in hope, patient in tribulation, and constant in prayer. Give us grace to be generous and hospitable, and to bless even our persecutors. Help us to rejoice with the joyful and to weep with the mourners. Teach us to live in harmony, and to not be wise in our own sight. Give us grace to repay no one evil for evil; to do what is honourable; and, so far as it depends on us, to live peaceably with all. And grant that we are not overcome by evil, but that in Christ, we overcome evil with good.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for all who sick in mind or body. For those who are house bound or in nursing homes and those in hospital in recovery or rehabilitation. Bring healing to every broken life, relief to all who are in pain, hope to the dying and strength to all who care for them.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we pray for all those departed this life and for those who are bereaved by their passing. Help us to be sympathetic, caring and loving with the bereaved and always ready to help practically and to pray diligently in their time of greatest need

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, we thank you that your wisdom not only enlightens us but transforms and guides us as we go from this place of worship and into our daily walk through life with you.

**Merciful Father: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**