

## Prayers of Intercession – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

Let us pray for the Church and for the world and let us thank God for his goodness.

Father God,

Your Son asked his disciples, “But who do you say that I am?”

As your followers, let us reflect on the true answer to that question and what it means for us. Jesus is the Messiah - the Son of the Living God. As we go about our daily lives, help us to be thankful for every precious minute of time. Teach us not to take for granted those gifts that you have given us and the beauty of your creation around us. Open our hearts to you and make us willing to serve you and ready to share your love with others.

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Lord,

In the books of the Bible, we meet many characters who we can identify with. God works in the lives of ordinary people. Moses was not born to be a great leader. As a baby, he was protected by his mother an ordinary Hebrew woman who fled from the Egyptian soldiers with him in a basket to the river.

[Emily will now read her prayer about safety].

### **Emily's Prayer (aged 7):**

Dear God,

We pray for all of the people who keep us safe:

Our families

Doctors and nurses and scientists

The fire brigade, police and ambulance services

And our school teachers

We know that you are always by our sides.

We pray for all of the people we would like you to keep safe:

Our families and our neighbours

People who have no homes and people who have got no jobs

People with coronavirus and other people who are ill

And people with no friends

Help us to keep them safe always.

Amen.

Dearest Lord,

As a mother tends to her child, pour out your love upon those who need you most:

Those who are ill or in pain.

Those who have been affected by the coronavirus especially in the poorest parts of the world.

Those who are afraid and lonely.

Those who are oppressed.

God of compassion,

In their anxiety, be the consoling arms around them.

In their struggles, be the hands that lift them up.

In their darkness, be their light.

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Lord God,

Your follower Moses born into slavery, rescued from death and raised as a Prince came to truly trust in you. Despite his doubts, his fears and his people's suffering he remained faithful to you.

Help us to deepen our faith and remember that you are always with us.

[Isabelle will now say her prayer].

**Isabelle's Prayer (aged 9):**

Lord God,

You are always with us in everything we do.

You are with us in the day and in the night.

You are with us in the morning and in the afternoon.

You are with us when we're happy and when we're feeling sad.

You are with us when we're healthy and when we're feeling ill.

You are with us when we're peaceful and when we're feeling worried.

You are with us when we're loved and when we're lonely.

You are with us when we're safe and when we're lost.

You are with us when we're quiet and when we're loud.

You are with us when we're praying and when we're just thinking to ourselves.

Lord God, you are always with us no matter what and that will never, ever change.

AMEN

*Merciful Father,*

***Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.***

***Amen.***