

Intercessions for Bible Sunday 25th October 2020 - Jane Brough

As we gather today in our homes and in church, we offer our prayers our hopes and our concerns for those we love and for those in our communities and our world. As believers in Jesus we rejoice in the vibrancy of God's word in the Bible. Let us pray that through the scriptures God's voice will be heard and needed.

We pray for the health and safety of the Bible society teams around the world. Hoping that God would give the staff courage and fill them with hope and that they would be able to convey a message of hope in Christ, through the scriptures. We pray that they would be able to continue the work of the Bible mission and that God would give them the creativity and resources to overcome the barriers that they face as a result of the Pandemic.

Lord in your Mercy – **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church, that it may be faithful to the teaching of Jesus and steeped in knowledge and understanding of the scriptures. We pray for those who study and teach the Bible and for those who preach. We pray that God's word of grace may be heard by all who are new to the Christian Faith.

Lord in your Mercy – **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the World, which is God's not ours: may we be faithful and bold in our stewardship of it.

Lord in your Mercy – **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have heard the Bible's message of longing for Peace in God's World and are working to fulfil it. We pray for places where there is war and violence. We pray that God's word of freedom may be heard by all who are imprisoned by prejudice and hatred.

Lord in your Mercy – **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves as hearers of scriptures. May God's honouring Spirit give us courage and joy to live by them.

Lord in your Mercy – **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our local communities, that they may be places where all God's children can flourish. We pray that God's words of love may be heard by our families and friends and all who serve our communities.

Lord in your Mercy – **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for health and peace for those who are lonely, anxious or sick. We pray that God's words of hope may be heard by those who are housebound or in hospital and by all those who care for them.

Lord in your Mercy – **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who have died in the faith of Christ. We pray that God's words of life may be heard by all who mourn.

Lord in your Mercy – **Hear our prayer.**

God our loving father, may your words of love bear fruit richly in our lives and in the lives of all for whom we pray.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your son our saviour Jesus Christ

Amen