

Prayers of Intercession – Sunday 15th November 2020

Father God, help us to turn towards you. To put aside the things that are worrying us and consciously choose to spend some time with you now.

We pray for the church as we settle into the latest lockdown. Help us remember that even in the bleakest of times, you have called us into the light. We raise before you our local churches and ministry teams – everyone working behind the scenes to support our online services. Bless us through the challenges facing the church and we pray that you will lead us through them, allowing us to learn and grow in our faith in the process. Help us come closer to you.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

We pray for the work of the church throughout our country; work that continues despite buildings being closed. Help us remember that the church is more than stone and mortar – that we the people are your church, each of us a light in our homes and communities. We pray that we can stand as the light in the darkness, that we can retain our hope, wait expectantly as good and faithful servants, and work towards a world of peace and compassion, using the gifts you have given us to your glory.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

We pray for every country as they fight their own battles with Covid. We pray for the leaders and governments of nations, that they would always seek to uphold and protect their citizens. We pray especially for President-Elect Joe Biden and Madam Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris. We pray that under their leadership America can heal and reunite. We also pray for those in central

America, whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed by Storm Eta.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

We raise before you all we know who are ill at this time, whether in body, mind or spirit. For those for whom the pandemic is especially difficult, the children going hungry and those isolating alone. We pray for healing and restoration. We pray for good days and restful nights. We raise and honour those who work in the NHS and care services – protect them, Father, and their families.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

In this unprecedented time, we remember those who have died, and are now safe with you in glory, We pray for their families and friends and all those who mourn. Grant them your comfort and peace.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

And finally Father, we pray for ourselves. Keep us faithful Lord, and heartened; trusting that you are working daily miracles we cannot see and cannot know. Walk a little closer to each of us each day and bless us, as we share that blessing with others.

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