

## Intercessions for 24 January 2021 (by David Hughes)

Eternal God of all ages, we would bow as empty vessels waiting to be filled. But our minds and souls are busy with many things which hold us back from being filled by you. We become preoccupied with our worries. More than ever, in these difficult times:



- We worry about our families and friends;
- We worry about our health;
- We worry about our personal finances;
- We worry about being able to do our jobs well;
- We worry about being able to look after those we care for;
- We worry about danger, war and terror in the world.



As invited guests at the wedding, help us set aside our cares and troubles, bringing them before you in prayer.

Empty us of our cares and troubles now so that we may be filled, filled with the new wine, filled with your Spirit. **Fill us, Lord.**

Change the stagnant water of our lives to wine, touch us as you touched those people at the wedding in Cana. **Fill us, Lord.**

We bring before you those who aren't aware of your invitation or who have turned away. We bring before you those who are known to us who are ill, in pain, suffering from depression or anxiety, or who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

May they and we be filled with a sense of your presence  
**Fill us, Lord.**

May they and we be filled with the touch of your spirit  
**Fill us, Lord.**

May they and we be filled with new energy  
**Fill us, Lord.**

May they and we be filled with your power  
**Fill us, Lord.**

May they and we be filled with trust and faith  
**Fill us, Lord.**



Give to the leaders of our world the resolve to wage war; not on people but on poverty, injustice, hunger, disease, and all manner of human suffering. Give them vision to shape a new world where self-interest is tempered and corrected by love, compassion and a passion for justice. **Fill us, Lord.**

Empower and enable us, Heavenly Father, as we worship you today, wherever we are, to bring your message of love and salvation to those around us. Give to all the world the gift of being filled with new wine and new vision. **Fill us, Lord.**

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