

Intercessions for Sunday 7th February, 2021 (written by Richard Shreeve)

Ever-living God, our creator and redeemer, you love us and know us better than we know ourselves. With a word you created all things and so we pray that you will hear the words of your children as we pray; giving thanks to you for your church, the world and its peoples. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, we pray for the worldwide Christian Church in all its wonderful diversity. We pray especially for those churches who meet together in difficult and dangerous circumstances and at this time of the Pandemic for all those churches who cannot meet in person but only online. May they feel your abiding presence to uphold their courage and strengthen their faith. As we pray for our Diocese we bring before you all those who lead and inspire our worship, those who visit and pray for the sick and bereaved and those who carry out the maintenance and administration of such a widespread group of church Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God we pray for your world and its peoples with all their needs, questions and longings. So often we struggle to understand the reasons behind things like Coronavirus; and yet we know that in the midst of such events your love is shown in the acts of bravery, selflessness and compassion which follow. We pray for all who suffer in such dreadful circumstances and for those who are tasked with providing medical and community support and, eventually, the long task of recovery that will surely follow this devastating Pandemic. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God we pray for our Parish communities, that each of us might make use of our individual talents enabling each church group to flourish as a witness to the “One Body” of the church. Help us to spread the warmth of your love to everyone we meet whether in person or online.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God we pray for those in need in our own community, the sick and the dying, the elderly, the housebound and those in care homes, hospitals and hospices and for the work and devotion of those who care for them. We thank you for Carers whose love and compassion bring both material and spiritual comfort at times of need. We raise before you now those from our Parish for whom prayer has been requested. In a moment of silence we bring before the Lord those known to us who have requested prayer

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God be close to those who feel the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one whether recent or as each anniversary passes. Help us to support all those who mourn with our prayers, with words of comfort and with practical help as they struggle to come to terms with their loss. In a moment of silence we especially pray for those known to us

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Help us during the coming week to live the Good News. Give us the will each day to live in life eternal. Let our citizenship be in heaven with the whole company of the redeemed and with countless angels, praising, worshipping and adoring him who sits upon the throne forever and ever.

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