

Prayers of Intercession – 7th March 2021

Let us pray. God our Father in your love and goodness grant us the help of your Spirit as we bring to you our prayers.

As the sun comes out and signs of spring burst in front of us we praise you for the world and all its beauty. We praise you for the vastness of the oceans, for the hills, the trees and the grass. For the beautiful flowers. We give you thanks for our senses by which we can see the splendour of your world around us today and everyday.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

We pray for governments across the world and all the world leaders, that they may make good choices for peace between all countries. We pray for everywhere mired in violence and conflict, poverty and disaster. We pray for justice and equity between the nations and between all peoples.

Help us shine your light into dark places, our small acts of kindness reaching out to those who need it.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, help us to keep and honour your commandments, to develop good relationships with those you place around us. Thank you for our neighbours, our friends and for the people around us with whom we work and share our daily lives.

We acknowledge how difficult lockdown has been and the different challenges faced by everyone. Show us what we can do to help, and teach us to be good neighbours and true friends.

And yet, our kindness is not weakness, for you stand behind us and beside us. Help us to get angry when we need to. To rise up and take a stand in the face of injustice, prejudice and discrimination. Help us to use our voices and our privilege to support those with none.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

We thank you Father for your many small miracles of healing, and we pray for all who administer to the sick. We bring before you in a moment of quietness those we know or love who are ill or in need at this time, and we name them in our hearts...

We pray that your blessing be upon them and those who love and care for them.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Almighty Father, be with all those who are grieving today over the loss of a loved one. May they be assured that they will meet again those whom they have loved and lost for a while. We remember before God those who have died who are safe now with him.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Use us, o Lord, through the coming week. May we be the smile that greets, the reassuring word, the helpful comment, the willing ear, the shoulder to cry on, the gift that blesses someone's life.

During this season of lent, help us to come closer to you. To hear and receive you in new and different ways. Bring us back to that place where our journey began, when we said that we would follow. Lead us to the Cross and meet us there.

Merciful Father:

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