

Intercessions for Mothering Sunday: 14th March 2021

Everlasting God, as your son Jesus Christ showed his love on the cross, in his compassion for his mother and his sacrifice for us all, may we know what it is to love and be loved, in words and in actions.

Heavenly Father, we pray today for our Chaplaincy and our Parish. We give you thanks for our Church family and pray that all may find in her their true home; that the lonely, the marginalized, the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus. We give grateful thanks to all those who have made our worship available to all of us during this pandemic.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, as we see the brokenness of our world, we pray for healing among the nations; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression; for joy where there is pain; that your love may bring peace to all your children. We especially pray for all mothers who have to raise their children in places where there is war, famine, terrorism and great uncertainty. For mothers who have had to flee conflict to a different country or are far from their homes and their relatives. For mothers who have been unable to meet with their children because of Coronavirus and for those who have had to cope with home learning with their children whilst still doing all of their everyday work.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, you have given us the right to be called children of God. Help us to show your love in our homes that they may be places of love, security and truth. Your Son, was born into the family of Mary and Joseph; bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those families living under stress and may your love be known where no human love is found.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we remember that as we celebrate Mothering Sunday today there are those who do not share our happiness, those who are sick, those who are sad, those who are lonely, those who separated from their families and those who live in families where there is little joy. We raise before you now those who need healing in their lives and give you thanks where healing has taken place. In a short silence we remember those who have requested our prayers

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God you commanded us to honour our parents. Have mercy on the souls of our mothers and fathers who have departed this life and hear us as we now remember too, the recently departed. In a short silence we remember those who have recently died

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, as we go out into the coming week may we reflect your love for us in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can see that we are followers of your Son Jesus Christ and draw others into his loving care.

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