

Intercessions 2nd May 2021 1 John 4:7-72 John 15:1-8 - Jane Brough

As we share our worship as branches of the same vine, let us ask God to hear our needs and desires for ourselves as individuals as community and as one World.

Let us pray for the church, that through our collective efforts of sharing God's love, may we live up to our vocation and become a beacon of hope and a place of rest for others,. We pray especially for those who lead our church communities of faith and for those who are pioneering new expressions of Christian faith. May we all be willing to love enough that we may genuinely care for others and allow them to care for us.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer

Let us pray for peace in the World and justice among the nations, that there may be preferential treatment for the poorest people. May those in authority be fruitful and active bringing justice, care and honesty and may we all be willing to love enough to fight for these things.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer

Let us give thanks for those who love us and let us remember before God those who have no one to care for them, especially God's smallest children, who so desperately need to know love and safety.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer

Let us remember all who are struggling with sickness especially those who are trying to cope with the Covid Virus and we pray for those who are caring for them. When they feel isolated and alone, may they come to know themselves united to the rest of the World through the love of God.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer

We remember all who have died especially those we have know and all those who have died with the Covid virus. May they be at rest in the heaven which Jesus promised.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer

And we pray for ourselves to know and live as part of the vine of Jesus Christ and reflect that indwelling life in all we do and say.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer

We thank you gracious Lord for listening to our prayers. We ask that you will give us your Holy Wisdom that we may remain united with you and fruitful in service to you and all your people.

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

Amen