

INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY 16th MAY, 2021

Let us pray:

Lord, our minds are so often full of words and our hearts are clogged up with thoughts and ideas so we have little room for simplicity and stillness. This morning is an opportunity for us to have space to pray ourselves.

As we come to the end of Christian Aid week let us pray for the recipients of our giving and for those who are involved in planning and managing the projects. We pray that people will give generously to the very poorest in our world.

SILENCE

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

We pray now for some of those people and places in the world which we have read about in our newspapers or seen on television this week. Thinking particularly of the Covid situation in India and the dreadful crash in Mexico city. We hold them in Gods love.

SILENCE

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

We pray for the church as a whole, and our own church in particular. We pray for guidance and grace to plan for the future as we come out of lockdown, and we give thanks to all those who have given so much of their time to give us on-line worship.

SILENCE

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

Between us, we know many people who are struggling. Those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic, those with physical and mental illness, with crises, big decisions and major changes in their lives. We bring each one of them to God's love in quiet trust.

SILENCE

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

Lastly, we pray for ourselves.

We bring our pressures and anxieties to you and lay them before you.

SILENCE

These Lord, are the prayers of your people this morning. We ask you to take each of these prayers and answer them in your own time and in your own way.

And in the meantime give us expectant and trustful hearts. **AMEN**