

Intercessions for 4th July 2021

Father God, thank you for bringing us safely through another week. Help us to lay our burdens down at your feet and leave them there. Help us turn and fix our eyes and hearts upon you, that we would find you afresh and rejoice in your unending love.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church here and throughout the world. We pray for our brothers and sisters in America, grappling with the politicization of communion. We thank you for opening up your table to us, to all sinners, that by Jesus death and resurrection, we can come to you and be welcome.

And yet we ask forgiveness for when the church as an organisation has failed you and the people you call us to serve. We pray for your Church who longs to praise you throughout this strange and confusing time; through your creative Spirit fire our imaginations to proclaim your unchanging love in new ways.

We pray for all those who minister to us, both formally and informally. For those who pray for us. Who reach out to us, and walk alongside us.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Almighty father, We pray for all in authority who face difficult decisions that affect the lives of many; grant them wisdom and courage. We pray they act with integrity and ethics, remembering they are servants of the people. We pray for those living with not only coronavirus but also war, poverty and devastating climate changes. For those whose crops have failed and the wells are dry. We pray that we can step forward, when others are stepping back.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for those whom we love, our family, friends and neighbours wherever they may be. We pray for them in all their situations, in their hopes, their fears, their problems and their joys, but most of all we thank you for each one of them and for what they mean to us. And we thank you – that you will never send us out alone. That different people will come into our lives in different seasons. That however alone we feel, however different and isolated, you have surrounded us with helpers. Give us the strength and courage to reach out when we need to. And we pray for the strength to respond when people reach out to us, with compassion and sincerity.

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

Holy Spirit, guide and strengthen us in your service. May we work together, in community and kindness, for your kingdoms glory. May we use our talents, whatever they are, however small they feel, in your service. Help us not to compare ourselves to others. Help us walk the path you have set us on, keeping our eyes fixed on you, our friend, helper, saviour and king.

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

Gracious God We pray for all finding their life painful, lonely or uncertain, especially those who are ill or vulnerable. Help them to sense your comfort in times of need and bless their families and carers. We pray for all those who are struggling, whether in body, mind or spirit. Show us the best way to help them, without being intrusive but without simply turning away from their pain either.

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

Merciful Lord, we pray for those who have died, and are now with you in glory, their pain and sorrow ended. We pray for those who mourn. May they be comforted.

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

And finally Father, we pray for ourselves. Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you know our every need. May we walk into the coming week with a closer sense of your presence, fill us with the knowledge and experience of your love. Help us to live in harmony with one another, that together we may with one voice glorify you.

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