

Intercessions for 8th August 2021 (written by Richard Shreeve)

A special prayer for the Mothers Union.

Father God, we bring before you today the Mothers Union and all those involved in the tremendous work they do in supporting families both in the UK and worldwide. We remember Mary Sumner, who was the founder of the Mothers Union, a worldwide Anglican women's organisation. The 100th anniversary of her death will be commemorated in a number of the provinces of the Anglican Communion on the 9th of August. We think especially of those members of the Mothers Union in our parish who are restarting their meetings again after being unable to meet due to the restrictions imposed by the Covid Pandemic.

Faithful God, fill our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. May we feed on his Word and grow in his love and grace. Give us the will to love you, open our hearts to hear you, and strengthen our hands to serve you in our families, churches and communities.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Heavenly Father We pray for our Bishops, ministers and Laity that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit. We pray for the Church, both here in our Parish and worldwide that we may go forward together in unity and strength. Help us to respect the beliefs of others even if we do not share them, to celebrate what we have in common and to accept our differences. Guide us all in our ministries as we live each day.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God, we pray for those throughout the world who are physically hungry. We know that so many of the world's people lack enough nourishment; help us to be diligent in prayer and generous in giving to those agencies which try to alleviate their suffering. We pray especially for the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd, whom we have supported in the past and that we may continue the 2-tin challenge as the restrictions of the pandemic are lifted.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God we pray for your whole creation; for our brothers and sisters throughout the world and for their lives to be respected and revered regardless of creed or colour, gender or sexuality, wealth or status and for a responsible sharing of precious resources and the conservation of our fragile and beautiful world. We pray for the Government of the United Kingdom, and all world leaders will meet the responsibilities that they have in insuring that the poorer countries of the world will be given the Vaccine they need to bring the pandemic under control

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God, we pray for all those who are sick, especially those who have asked for our prayers.....asking that you might guide, comfort and strengthen them through their illness. We pray also for those who care for the sick, those engaged in the caring professions and for family members who look after loved ones and especially for children who care for parents

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, give us ears to hear and minds to understand the message of eternal life for the children of your kingdom so that we may look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. We especially pray for any we know who recently died and are on that journey to you.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

God of power, hear our prayers, and through the ministry of your Son free us from the grip of the world and all that is evil. Lead us as we go forward into another week strengthened and upheld by your love, the knowledge of the Gospel and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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