

Intercessions for Sunday 10 October 2021 (David Hughes)

Let us pray to our Heavenly Father, in whose love and power all things are possible.

Heavenly Father, help us to seek you above all else that is important in our lives, and to pledge our total commitment. As we strive to be of service to you, we discover only our need. We pray to you, our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire, to touch us with your judgement, and confront us with your tenderness; that, being comforted by you, we may in turn reach out to a troubled world in union with each other, and in the name of your Son.

Lord, have mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We live in a world where the rich grow ever richer, but the poor are always with us, seemingly without relief. We thank you for the many who do indeed try to use their wealth for the common good. Stir up in the hearts of the unmoved, a sense of compassion for the needy. Guide our politicians to pursue justice, fairness and willing support for those in need.

Lord, have mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those whom you have called. May those who have answered your call be sustained in all that they do as they translate their desire to serve into action. May those who can only respond 'not yet' be given the strength and the resolve to respond as they are able. And may those who have heard your call but have turned away from their vocations or have been unable to follow to the end be comforted.

Lord, have mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you have told us that the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong. Have mercy on those who would strive with you but are unable, through their frailties, whether of mind, body or spirit. We bring before you in silence those who are known to us. Share your comforting presence with them in their sufferings, and give them your peace in their hearts.

Lord, have mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant the inheritance of eternal life to those who have left this earth. Receive them in mercy as they come to your presence, and may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Comfort and console those who mourn their passing.

Lord, have mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as we leave this church today, we ask that you your guiding hand may be upon our lives. Make us always grateful for the harvest and bounty of your creation and all those who provide for our daily needs. Continue to inspire us with your spirit that we who have, may readily share with those who have not.

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