

Intercessions, 7th November 2021

Will you come and follow me, if I but call your name?

God calls us to go into the world in his name, so let us pray for the world to which he sends us.

Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?

Father, we pray for those we come into contact with day by day; we ask that they may see your love and know your name through our calling as part of your church.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Will you care for cruel and kind? Will you risk the hostile stare?

Father, we pray for those people we find difficult to deal with; for those of whom we despair, but who are still deserving of your love. We ask that behind a cold façade, they may see glimpses of light, hope and peace.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Will you set the prisoners free? Will you kiss the leper clean?

Father we pray for those who are broken by society, either as a result of wrongdoing, or because of domestic or family pressure.

And we pray for those who are restricted by physical or mental illness, or by declining mobility.

We ask that their needs may be ministered to with care and sensitivity, and that wholeness may be found in whatever form it comes.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God called Jonah to go to Nineveh. This week many have felt called to go to Glasgow, either literally or metaphorically.

Father, we pray for those who make decisions at the Climate Conference, that they may not be constrained by local interests. And we pray for those there who represent the most disadvantaged communities, that their voices may be heard.

We ask that as we are called to our own climate journey, we may not be reluctant to be wise in our action and our use of money.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around?

Father, we pray that you will use our skills and our wealth for the good of all your creation. Call us to travel to our Nineveh or our Glasgow.

In your company we will go where your love and footsteps show.

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