

Intercessions for 23rd January, 2022

Let us still our bodies and our minds as we pray together.

*Open our ears Lord
And teach us to listen to you*

In this week of Christian Unity, we remember that we are members of the world-wide church, we pray for those who are insulted and persecuted for our shared faith. We stand alongside them now

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The resources for the week of Christian Unity have this year been prepared by the churches of the Middle east, the history of which was, and still is characterised by conflict and strife and darkened by injustice and oppression. They call for the churches to work together so that young people can build a future in which all human beings can experience peace, justice and love.

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And teach us to listen to you.*

We pray that materialism or stress, or sorrow or sin have deafened us to your will, may we be prompted to put things right,

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We pray that our homes may be places where you are welcomed and recognised through the good and the troubled times.

*Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen to you.*

We bring to your love all our fellow members who are ill, injured or sad. Alert us to see how we can help, and give them a real sense of your comforting presence.

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and help us to listen to you.*

We remember all those who have travelled through life and now have gone through death into eternity. We thank you for their lives and commend them to your keeping.

*Open our eyes Lord
And help us to listen to you*

Thank you, Lord God, for all you have shown us through Jesus, and through word and sacrament week by week.

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