

## **Intercessions 20<sup>th</sup> February – Jane Brough**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

Let us bring our prayers before God, holding before him, the chaos and sufferings of our World and trusting in his power to bring peace and harmony to his creation.

Lord, we put our trust in you amid the storms of life. Grant that your church may seek out the perishing, the troubled and the lost. We pray for all in our congregations, that God will give us pure hearts ready to receive him into our lives, and that we may respond by bringing his light to those whom we meet.

#### **Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer**

We pray for the nations of the World, especially where there is war or rumour of war, where there is famine or other hardship, that rulers may govern with humility and wisdom, seeking peace and justice for all.

#### **Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who are or feel that are sinking amid the storms of life, all who are in dangerous or violent surroundings, all suffering from floods, storm or any other natural disaster due to global warming and the rising of sea levels. We pray for areas where crops have failed and homes have been destroyed.

#### **Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer**

We remember friends and loved ones who are going through a time of illness or distress. In a moment of silence, we bring before you all those we know who are suffering at this time, whether nursed in hospital or at home. Give them courage and hope, may they trust God and know the comfort of his presence.

#### **Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer**

We thank God for the lives of those who have departed and found their final rest. In a moment of silence we bring them to mind. And we pray for all those who have been bereaved, that they may know the comfort and love of God.

Loving Lord accept the prayers we have spoken and the prayers of our hearts.

In times of darkness, in times of stress,

Lord, you are there. Always there.

In times of tempest, in times of shock

Lord, you are there. Always there.

In times of anxiety, in times of doubt,

Lord, you are there. Always there.

In times of loneliness, in times of despair

Lord, you are there. Always there.

In times of celebration, in times of joy,

Lord, you are there. Always there.

In times of emptiness, in times of plenty

Lord, you are there. Always there.

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

**Amen**