

Prayers for Passion Sunday 29 March 2020

Lord God in these days of adjusting to the lockdown and the situation changing so fast around us, help us cling to you to steady us. Be our anchor in our confusion and anxiety, help us stay calm and trust in your overwhelming love to provide us true guidance.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Help us who live in crowded households allow each person a space where they can be undisturbed for a few minutes each day to catch their breath and step aside physically, mentally and spiritually to relieve the build up of stress and anxiety. Your Son Jesus Christ often went away to uncrowded places to pray and renew his spiritual strength.

Lord

Lord Jesus help us focus on the words you said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die will live" and strengthen our Christian hope in everlasting life where we will be made whole again and reunited with you and all those whom we love, because of the sacrifice you made for us by dying on a cross, to make us one with God our Father, whose love overcomes everything at the last.

Lord....

Help us not to blame, but to move forward.

Help us to put our own lives and actions in perspective and not be self-centred, looking outward towards others, listening to their concerns and wishes and in so doing experience the new life you give us, your disciples as we follow you.

Lord...

Protect O Lord all those most vulnerable - the homeless, the unemployed, those with disabilities and underlying serious health conditions - that if they get ill, they will get the treatment they need and the strength to recover.

Lord...

Bring humility to those in power, to ask for help and advice, to work across political divides so that they may put the necessary measures in place to provide equipment, testing for the virus and encourage everyone to work together to protect each other in the way we lead our own lives. We pray for the government in this country, the United States and all over the world.

Lord....

Comfort and sustain us Lord when we face any kind of illness or adversity. Help those around us not to panic. Enable those of us with faith in you, to be channels of your peace and love however hard it is. We pray for those on our pew sheet....and for Laura's friend Ashima. Help us all know the best way we can help and support them.

Lord....

Bless Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip in their advancing years. Strengthen and protect all the royal family as they set examples to all the nation of how to self-isolate and how to cope with mental ill-health, letting your Holy Spirit work through them.

Lord....

Comfort and support those who mourn the death of a loved one, whether that is because of Covid19 or another reason. We remember those who have died recently Yvonne Jackson, Bruce Arnold and Michael Welch. Let those who mourn them know that you are always with them as they adjust to life without their loved ones.

Lord...

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ

Amen

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