

Intercessions for 2 Aug 2020. Trinity 8

Lord God, you shower blessings upon us and you enable us to grow, when we open our hearts and minds to follow your ways and not our own. Amen

We pray for all Christian people, the body of Christ, that we might all seek to live lives of faithfulness to you Lord with an increased awareness of the needs of others. May churches throughout the world bring comfort, teaching and inspiration as they seek to spread the good news of your love and peace and to bring your kingdom a little closer to earth. We pray for Alan, Bishop of St Albans and for Elizabeth Bunker as she leads our worship today and for Andrew and his family as they enjoy a well-deserved break.

And we pray for all members of the churches of St Mary's Baldock and St Margaret of Antioch Bygrave, especially for those unable to attend either physical or Zoom church, that they still feel very much part of the body of Christ.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We bring before you O Lord our anxieties and worries - about lockdown easing... about people we are worried about...., about how we will manage in the coming months. We pray especially in this country for the people of Manchester, Lancashire, West Yorkshire and Leicester where lockdown restrictions have been imposed again. Bring them hope O Lord in their frustration and concern. We pray for the poorest nations who are facing a barrage of Covid cases with few resources to cope.

Strengthen all of us and help us adapt to the changed world we find ourselves in because of the ongoing Covid pandemic, where we will need to live more simply and with less waste and less plastic if we are to let our planet breathe and for it to be able to continue to sustain all humans and ecosystems and for us to regain the intricate balance of life on earth in which all creation has a role to play.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Protect those most vulnerable in society and guide those in positions of authority to make fair and long-term decisions so that the gap between rich and poor does not widen still further.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for the Queen and all the royal family. May you guide their decisions, grant them wisdom and love and an ability to inspire people with Christian values.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Comfort all those who suffer day to day physically, emotionally or spiritually and bring them wholeness and healing. May they know your presence in their lives and find the peace only you can provide. We pray by name for

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Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Boudreau, Olive Elves, Stephen Cooper, Peter Harris, baby Luca Mabert, Oliver Britton, Liz Smith, Anne England, Martin Reed, Bob Burt, Penny and Douglas Mitchell, Martyn Gray, Jean Smith,

Ron Crumpholt, John Pearson, David Dodds, Karen Kynman, Tracy Smith.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We bring before you Lord those who have died and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. Surround all those who mourn with your loving embrace and bring them hope in your eternal kingdom where everyone will be reunited through the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Help them find ways to cope as their world is turned upside down.

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Those who have recently died:

Gina Churchyard, Marilyn Goodhew

At the anniversary of their death:

Ivy & Doug Pearson, Ernest Moules, Fr. Christopher Mackonochie, Bill Darts

David Macguire, Yvette Murrell, Peggy White, John Duncan

Merciful father

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your

Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

Amen

Katrina Nice 31.7.20