

### **Intercessions for 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

We pray for churches and spiritual leaders throughout the world, particularly of those in countries where day to day life is so difficult as a result of war , famine or climate change .

We remember especially the people of Beirut and the families of those killed , maimed or missing and give thanks for the rescue workers helping to provide shelter , medicine and food to the survivors. We pray also for all refugees who make desperate and dangerous journeys in search of safety. May we follow your example of generosity and love to offer them the support they seek and a chance to build new lives free of the horrors from which they are so desperate to escape . Lord God help us to increase the unity of your church, encourage us all to take the first steps towards each other because we are all your people regardless of national identity.

Lord in Your Mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We thank you for the blessings we experience here in this country and the freedom we enjoy. We give thanks for our Queen and the strength of her Christian faith which sustains her through difficult times. At this the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ day we remember and give thanks for those who suffered and died for freedom in the Far East campaign. May all nations learn from the bitter memories of conflict and continue to work for peace and the unity .

Lord in your mercy , **Hear our prayer**

We pray also for our politicians , that they may govern with integrity, honesty and humility and that they lead by example particularly through these difficult times. We ask that you guide their policy making to be for the good of all and that they will concentrate their efforts on issues impacting the most vulnerable in our society .

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father, we have seen through this coronavirus pandemic that the lives of all humanity are bound together more tightly than we had previously realised. Encourage us to stand together in prayer united as one family, to give thanks for the scientists working to find a cure and to those supporting the sick , bereaved ,the lonely and anxious. We thank you for the awakened understanding and appreciation of what is really important in our lives and that your love can be seen in the kindness of neighbours looking out for each other.

Lord in Your Mercy **Hear our Prayer**

We remember all the students in Baldock who received their A level last week and GCSE results this week . We ask that you help them to understand that whatever the outcome

they are all unique in your eyes and that you have a purpose for each of them. By your grace may they be equipped to persevere and grow in wisdom as well as knowledge. We thank you for the safe return of Andrew, Helen and family from their holidays and hope they have come back refreshed from their time away.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Healing Lord, we pray for all who are sick in body, mind or spirit, that they may know your presence and find comfort in the knowledge of your love. We pray by name for :Paula Condor ,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 and Andy Ball

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Compassionate Lord, bless those who mourn the death of a relative or friend. Fill their hearts with loving memories and hold them close through the coming days so they may know they are not alone. We pray by name for Gina Churchyard and Marilyn Goodhew. And at the anniversary of their deaths we remember Terry Wiltshire, Jean Skinner and Margaret Butts .

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen**