

Lord God , may your Church be courageous in proclaiming your truth, strong in including all people and receptive to the changing world around it in order to make your Gospel of Good News relevant to people today and inspire them to follow your Son Jesus, who can bring an energy and purpose to the lives of Christians. We ask you to bless St Mary's in our stewardship campaign and to focus on Jesus in the decisions we make.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are anxious, oppressed, at war with those around them, for victims of violence and racism and any kind of crime and for the most vulnerable throughout the world. May your love strengthen them, your peace comfort them and your power transform their lives and the situations they are in.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Protect and give hope to all those affected by climate change, whether in the Global South or in the UK where many areas are experiencing storms and floods at the moment.

But also, Lord God, open our eyes to the wonders of your world, to see details that lift our hearts and bring joy, amongst the dark and gloomy times that sometimes surround us.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord God of truth, grant your wisdom to all in authority whether, leaders of nations, our Queen and the royal family or on a smaller scale to all those in charge of others, so that we all live lives according to your values and begin to build your kingdom here on earth to the best of our ability. Help us be prompted by your Holy Spirit to bring compassion and encouragement to those around us and to use our experiences in life to bring your kingdom a little closer on earth in new ways and new situations.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Ever-present Lord keep us close to you, help us trust in you, and help us be inspired to go deeper into our faith and discover the richness of the bible , even though it is sometimes daunting and confusing.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for those affected by COVID19 - for those who are ill with it either at home or in hospital, for those isolating because they may be ill or been in contact with others, for those still suffering the after effects. Bring perseverance and strength and help them turn to you for a way to cope with whatever they face. We pray for areas in lockdown, for students in isolation, and for President Trump and his wife. Deliver us all from the temptation of not taking social distancing, handwashing and wearing masks seriously. Help us think of others before ourselves.

We ask for your healing and wholeness too for those who suffer in ways unrelated to the corona virus and ask for your protection and strength for our NHS and care workers who minister to them.

We bring before your by name those on our pew sheet who have asked for our prayers today....

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We remember those who have died, either very recently or longer ago. Comfort those whose lives are turned upside down by loss and those who are still brought up short by an intense memory of a loved one. May your love gradually knit the raw edges of emotion together and bring healing.

We remember from our pew sheet.....and at the anniversary of their deaths.....

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son,

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ

Amen