

Intercessions 22 November 2020 – Christ the King (Stir up Sunday)

Almighty and ever-loving God , who gave us your Son, Jesus Christ to rule as our King, may we respect the authority of those whose job is to rule justly over us and hold society together, so that within the framework of government and monarchy we may flourish as individuals living and standing up for YOUR truth, YOUR love and YOUR inclusion.

Guide and uphold Queen Elizabeth in her Christian faith. Encourage others in leadership roles to turn also to you and through the workings of your Holy Spirit to strive for equal opportunities, compassion and accountability, not tolerating bullying or advantage given to those who have personal connections .

Lord in your mercy as our true King

Hear our prayer

We pray for the Christian church worldwide , that it may recognise, especially today, that You , Lord are our King and we are all called as Christians to serve you in many different ways, some high profile, but always in humility with small acts of kindness, as you also showed how to be a servant to others. May the Church stir up in each of us the fruits of the Spirit today as we seek to come closer to you.

Lord in your mercy as our true King

Hear our prayer

Open our eyes to see the true value of your incredible natural world on which we are deeply dependent for food, energy, building materials and our mental health . Help us believe we can seriously make a difference in the race to stop the destruction of climate change especially in parts of the world we feel disconnected with. Give us love for our neighbours throughout the world and a willingness to share our good fortune.

Lord in your mercy as our true King

Hear our prayer

We pray for all those affected by COVID 19 which has such a grip on the whole world. May your loving presence especially be known to those in the poorest areas in the world who have little hope of self-isolating because they live in slums, or shanty towns, with very limited health care . Lord bring them courage in their suffering. May the world's richest G20 countries honour their promises to make vaccines and help available across the globe and not just to those living in the richest, most powerful countries.

Bring peace and hope to all those who are anxious or in any kind of suffering whether through COVID 19 or in any other way, especially to people known personally to us and on our prayer list.(pew sheet)

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Hear our prayer

We remember those who have died, either recently or longer ago. May their love live on through us as your love, Lord, holds us together with them in your eternal embrace. Strengthen our hope in your eternal kingdom through our trust in your Son our Saviour and King Jesus Christ. We remember those on our pew sheet and those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.....(pew sheet)

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Hear our prayer

Loving Lord, fill our hearts with love, acceptance of each other's different personalities and life experiences, where we seek to listen compassionately to one another and know that God loves each one of us more than we can ever imagine and his desire is for us to live in peace and harmony with one another. May we, as Christians, show your love to be a visible strength to all who believe in you, our Lord and King, especially over the coming Christmas period, which will be so different from any other previously.

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your son.

Our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen

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