

Our Prayers & Intercessions for the Birth of John the Baptist
(Please include details of people and situations of personal concern)

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ let us pray to the Father.

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for the Birth of John the Baptist, the messenger who prepared the way for Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

May we, in our daily lives too, point to the risen, ascended, glorified Christ.

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

Loving God we pray for the Church universal; for Christians of all denominations, that all who profess the Christian faith may be true disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray especially for all those who are being persecuted for their faith, that the Holy Spirit may be alongside, supporting, encouraging and the Spirit known to them in their time of trial.

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

Loving God we pray for the world, for your Holy creation. We hold before you all humanity and especially those in desperate need. We pray for a time when justice, peace, love and dignity will be the lot of all humankind.

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

Loving God we continue to pray for all who have been affected by the coronavirus, that effective treatments may be established and a working vaccine speedily found. We pray too that the transition from "lockdown" may proceed smoothly and safely. We pray that all may, Keep Well & Keep Safe.

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

Loving God, we pray for our West Hereford Team during this pandemic crisis. We pray especially for Ruth in all she does, for the retired clergy & Readers and for everyone who ministers in any way. We give thanks for them; praying that all of us may emerge from the present difficulties with deepened faith and a heightened understanding of Christian service. We pray too, that as a Team, we may be blessed with a vision of how our churches may serve Christ when they are open once more.

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

Loving God, give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (and we remember especially) give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

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

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, (.....), and especially remembering those who have died in the service of others during this pandemic, praying too for their bereaved families, according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

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

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

Merciful Lord,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen

A Prayer of Commitment

Holy Spirit of God;
Be in me,
Live in me,
Grow in me,
Consume me.

Holy Spirit of God;
Make me
What you would have me be.
Amen.