

## **Intercessions for 4th Sunday of Advent Year B – 20th December 2020**

Lord God, we join our prayers to those of Mary, your faithful servant and mother of our Lord, to proclaim your greatness, and sing in gratitude for all your wonderful gifts bestowed on us, your lowly servants. Lord, we pray, look down with love upon our Churches here in the West Hereford Team Ministry. Be with us as we focus on the coming of your kingdom and the gift of your son this Christmas.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, ***in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer***

Mary prayed that the mighty be cast down from their thrones, we pray that those in power would use that power wisely and compassionately so that the lowly would be lifted up, the hungry fed and greater equality be established between rich and poor. We particularly pray that all peoples of the world be given access to Corona Virus Vaccines whatever their situation, age or gender.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, ***in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer***

Mary's prayer was given to God whilst on a visit to her cousin Elizabeth. At this time of Advent and Christmas, we pray for all who are travelling to visit relatives and friends. We give thanks for the hospitality shown by our friends and families and for our opportunity to share with them and ask that we are always aware of your presence with us in all of the festivities.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, ***in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer***

Mary recognised your promise of mercy; Lord we ask you to show your mercy on all who are sick, fearful or in mourning and especially we pray for those members of our church, families and friends who we now name before you.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, ***in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer***

Heavenly Father, you sent to earth the gift of your son Jesus Christ that in your power and love we might also have the gift of eternal life; bless those whom we love that have departed this life with the gifts of your all-encompassing love and life eternal.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, ***in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer***

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; send us out to finish our Advent journey filled with love and joy and peace ready to receive that promise afresh into our lives.

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