

**Intercessions for the Second Sunday of Epiphany – 17th January 2021
(From the Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy)**

Everlasting God, you choose people to send forth as workers into your vineyard, the world that you trusted to us as stewards. You spoke to awaken Samuel with Your call, and so we ask you to open the ears of your chosen ones. Hear us now as we pray for the church and the world.

(Short Silence)

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, you called Abram to be the Father of many nations, and so we pray for the nations of our world and their leaders. We continue to pray for peace in your world, and especially for those involved in the process of reconciliation and bridge-building between peoples, cultures or nations. Help us wherever and whenever we can in our everyday lives to be instruments of your peace.

(Short Silence)

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, you called Moses, to be the shepherd who led the Israelites from Egypt, help us all to live out our calling as your people and to show care for others. We pray for our families, our friends and our neighbours and all who are part of our communities both here in West Hereford and in the rest of the world.

(Short Silence)

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God you called the Apostles to be ambassadors for Christ and gave them the power to heal. Help us to bring healing by our care and our prayers that we may strengthen the spirits of those we love especially at this time when the pandemic is still so virulent and so many are affected both in body and in spirit.

(Short Silence)

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, your son Jesus Christ wept at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Be with us in our mourning as we pray for all who are coming to the end of their journey here on earth and for all those who have died and now rejoice in the fullness of eternal life.

(Short Silence)

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we rejoice in the call to belong to the Church and to believe in the Gospel. Send us out into the coming week ready to demonstrate our calling in all that we do and say.

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