

Prayers of Intercession
Sunday 7th February 2021

Circles.

Circle us Lord.

Circle our church with the light of your gospel.

May we understand more of our faith and why we believe it.

May we understand more of our doubt and not be too hard on it.

May we commit ourselves to following you in the small details of our lives: in this particular fellowship; and at this particular time.

Circle us Lord. Keep light within and darkness out.....(*Pause and be quiet*)

Circle us Lord.

Circle our nation with the values of the gospel.

Give to our national institutions – Government, the law, the health service, the unions, our schools, colleges and universities and the Church – give them the values of justice, fair representation, concern for the weak, equal opportunities for every person.

And may the sheer generosity of your presence infuse our national life with hope and encouragement.

Circle us, Lord. Keep hope within: keep despair out.....(*pause and be quiet*).

Circle us Lord.

Circle our family and friends with the love of the gospel.

Keep them in peace and security. Guard those of our loved ones who are vulnerable; strengthen those who are struggling; encourage those who are on the brink of something new. We name these our special people in hearts now May the deep peace of the Prince of Peace keep them all.

Circle them. Lord. Keep love within: keep danger out.....(*pause and be quiet*).

Circle us Lord.

Circle the sick and the bereaved with your healing presence.

There are some we know who are simply not well; some who are fearful and in pain; some who are on their last journey. Circle them now, Lord, the very people we name in our hearts, circle them in the healing presence of Christ..... May the touch of Christ be for them the touch of wholeness and healing.

Circle them, Lord. Keep peace within; keep fear out.....(*pause and be quiet*).

Circle us, Lord. Our hearts, our homes, our church, our nation, our world. Circle us and let us never slip outside the enchantment of your grace, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

