

Intercessions for Fifth Sunday of Lent - 21st March 2021

Everlasting God, your son chose twelve disciples to work together to spread the good news of the gospel to the whole world, help us as we work together in our Chaplaincy for the common good. May we delight in sharing in each other's spiritual gifts and enabling everyone to make their own contribution however small. May we always be ready to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for peace in our world; may all lands that suffer violence and injustice find peace and reconciliation. We pray for the peoples of the world and all who offer their services in the leadership of the affairs of the world that they may uphold what is right and good. We pray particularly at this time for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through this challenging time of the global Pandemic. We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions about the Coronavirus with possible widespread consequences.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we thank you for all those who help our community to run smoothly because of their jobs, voluntary work or neighbourliness. Help us to be supportive and encouraging and to step in to situations where we can serve. Bless our neighbours and strengthen those who are working in your name in order to bring healing and comfort to those in need.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God your Son Jesus Christ healed the lame with a touch and raised the dead with a word - hear our prayers today for those who are laid low by sorrow and illness, or by fear and weakness; breathe new life into them as we name them before you now.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we thank you that our movement towards death and decay is not the final sentence in our life story. We thank you that by your faithfulness we are born to a new and living hope in a future where love will never be terminated and life will never end. May we always trust in you as we pray for those who have departed this earthly life.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God as we go forth from this time of worship, help us to remember that you do infinitely more for us than we can ask or imagine. Hear our prayers for all your creation and gather us in the embrace of your abundant and life-giving Spirit.

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