

Intercessions for Easter 5 – 2nd May 2021 (adapted from the Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy)

Everlasting God, give us the courage of Philip who took the time to share his faith with a curious stranger and remind us of Jesus' command to us to "make disciples of all".

Heavenly Father, we in the West Hereford Team are the people that were yet unborn when the Psalmist proclaimed "future generations will be told about the Lord." May we "proclaim His righteousness", and may our faith be as strong as the Psalmists.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, we pray for your world and we long for the time when all the families of the nations will bow down before you and the poor will eat and be satisfied. We pray for world leaders who bear the heavy responsibility of providing for their populations especially as the Coronavirus Pandemic continues, give them wisdom to know what is right and the courage to make right decisions.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, we ask for your wisdom to discern your wishes and direction in our lives and ask for your help to discern how to deal with others in our daily lives during this global Pandemic. Those we live and work with, those we meet in shops and supermarkets; those with whom we share our roads and those who serve us in cafes and restaurants.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God, we bring to you the sufferings of those we hold dear; the struggle of those trying to cope with difficult housing; the pains of the sick both at home, in hospital or care homes; the loneliness of the elderly and the frail. In your great mercy bring them comfort, relief and reassurance that you are always with them in all their troubles.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, Your son Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have died and pray for all those who are going through the darkness of loss and bereavement. Father, we thank you for the promise of eternal life and the hope of glory and commend to your everlasting love and care those who have died.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

As we go out into the world to face another week, help us as we seek to live out our lives according to your son Jesus Christ's example. Free us from the sins of the world that spoil our life so that our lives may be a living test.

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