

## **Intercessions for 18th July 2021**

To God the Father who created the world, To God the Son who redeemed the world, To God the Holy Spirit who sustains the world; be all praise and glory now and forever.

Everlasting God we pray that all who come in to our church may be enabled to renew their relationship with you and may find in you rest, peace, strength, grace and most of all your abiding presence. Help us as a congregation to be outward looking that through our fellowship we may share our faith and the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ with those who we love and live amongst.

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

Creator God we pray for the people of our world who are less fortunate than we are, especially those who live in the third world, in countries where there is very little governmental stability and in countries where there is drought or famine and where there is a shortage of Covid vaccine. Help us to remember those who are weary with the relentless struggle to keep alive; for those who can never look forward to a good meal and a comfortable bed, and those who barely have the necessities of life, much less so many material luxuries which we so often take for granted.

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

Father God may the needs of our families, friends and neighbours be made clear to us today, and may we find that in our giving to them we grow closer to you. We thank you for those whose work sustains our city and the community of which we are a part; for local businesses, for those who grow and provide our food, for those who, day and night, maintain public services; for the police, and emergency services, and for all whose work is in the local health service.

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

Healing God, we raise before you those who are sick. We ask that you will ease their pain and heal the damage done to them in body, mind or spirit. Be present with them through the support of friends and in the care of doctors and nurses, fill them with the warmth of your love now and always.

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

Merciful God we commend into your hands those whom we have loved and now have lost.....  
You gave them breath, and loved and cared for them throughout their lives. Receive them now in your eternal kingdom and may the rest peace and rise in glory.

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

Faithful God we dedicate all these people and petitions to your loving care. Give us the strength and courage to walk alongside those in need, to fight for justice for the oppressed and to allow others to see you in us and in all that we do in the coming week.

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

**Amen**

