

## Intercessions: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Our heavenly father, you tell us to seek you and to call on you because you are near. We bring our thanks and prayers to you, knowing that you always hear us.

We pray for your church here on earth and all those who come to worship you today. We give thanks that neither language nor race are barriers to knowing you and that your love flows out to embrace the whole world. We raise to you all those who are worshiping you across our benefice, grateful that we are able to meet both in churches and online today. We raise to you those who lead us: Brian, Beatrice, Liz and Carolyn. We ask that you will inspire us all to spread the seed of your word that it might bear fruit in those who don't yet know you.

**Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.**

As restrictions continue to ease and we are slowly able to resume activities that we once considered normal, we ask that you will fill us with gratitude for the greater freedoms we now enjoy. Help us to abide in your love during the good times as well as the bad. We raise to you the communities across our benefice. Lord Jesus, may we who call ourselves your followers be guided by your spirit to share our faith by being loving to all of those around us and being responsive to their needs. We pray that we will feel ever more connected to each other by our faith and through your love.

**Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.**

We raise to you all the newly elected councillors in this region. We think particularly about those who will represent this area in the new North Northamptonshire Council and those who are serving their communities on parish councils across our benefice. We ask for your hand to be on all those who have been elected and pray that you will guide them to serve their communities diligently and with wisdom.

**Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer**

Father, you are the comforter of those who are in distress and we bring to you all who are suffering today. We pray for those who have lost their incomes during the pandemic, those who do not have jobs to return to even though businesses are re-opening, those who are in debt, those who are still isolated. We ask you to be with them, to comfort them and to guide them through their troubles. We think, too, of the countries facing increasing cases of Coronavirus and those countries who have yet to receive enough vaccines for their populations. We pray particularly for the people of India, who are still facing overwhelming numbers of Coronavirus cases.

**Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are suffering any form of illness, be it body, mind or spirit. We think of those who have had operations and other treatments delayed during the pandemic and pray that they will soon receive the care they need. We raise to you all in our community who are ill, their families and those who care for them. We pray for Albin Wallace, Primrose Line and her sister Rosemary and all those known to each of us.

**Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who have died and for the bereaved. We think about all those in our benefice who are grieving and all those known to each of us. We ask that those who mourn will feel your presence and your compassion. We pray too, that they will remember that you are the living God, and that you offer eternal life to all those who know you.

**Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.**

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**