

HT Intercessions
23rd January 2011

“Lord teach us how to pray aright, with reverence and awe.”

Heavenly Father, we pray for your world; the world you created, and saw that it was good. But we are conscious of our human mis-management of its finite resources; the hate, the wars, the disputes, the jealousies, and the selfishness. Help us to play our part, in healing our divisions, husbanding our resources, and spreading peace and hope.

We long for the rulers of the nations, to heal their divisions by the right use of their power. Change the hearts and minds of the aggressors, that they may turn to love and peace.

*“You have shown us Lord what is good,
Now enable everyone, to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly
with you, our God.”*

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, at the conclusion of this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for Queen Elizabeth, the supreme governor of this, our Church of England, for our archbishops, our bishops, our clergy, their assistants, and their congregations. Pour your Holy Spirit into the hearts of every one of us, and show us the way of true *unity*, whilst accepting that *uniformity* is *not* the way forward.

We pray that your infinite mercy and love, will help those Anglican bishops, clergy and peoples, who are to join the Roman Catholic faith. Help them, and us, to think through what the implications might be, and to use Jesus’ teachings and example, as their guide.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we are constantly reminded of the plights of our neighbours around the world; those fighting, or caught up in the many conflicts; those made homeless by earthquakes, fires, droughts and floods; those who are starving, in desperate need of medical care, and the dying; the persecuted and the exploited.

We remember those, here at home, who are struggling with their finances; the unemployed and the redundant; the lonely, the sad, and the neglected; the used and the abused.

Help us to consider, what small part we might play, in alleviating, their suffering, by prayer, action, and charitable giving of our time and talents.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we ask for your healing peace, to bless each one of us, and all we know - our friends, our families and our neighbours - who are in any form of need, whether it be medical, emotional, or spiritual.

Particularly we remember Alan Homer, Amanda Harvey, Bill Hickman, Bob Padey, Charlotte Moss, Derek, Don Lawes, Hazel McCormack, Joy Jones, Joyce, Julia Dexter, Len, Margaret Lawton, Martin, Moira, Sally, Sheena & Rishi, Stuart Ansell, and Terry Sanders.

“Lord, may all who walk in darkness, begin to see your great light”.

We pray for the souls of the faithful departed, ascended into heaven.

Particularly today we pray for Judith Rogers and Peggy Anslow.

“Grant peace to those who grieve for a death, but rejoice for a life.”

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we ask for your blessing on all those, who work for the benefit of others: the members of our armed forces, aid workers, doctors, nurses, hospital staff and paramedics, welfare and social workers, police and prison warders, judges and magistrates, those who maintain our utilities and transport services ...

May we be ever mindful, that no-one is an island, and that we all depend upon each other.

“Lord, as you gather into your hands, those for whom we pray, we know that you love them with uncomprehending love.

We are here, for them, with you Lord. Use us.”

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers,

For the sake of your Son,

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

