

HT INTERCESSIONS

Sunday 24th February 2013

Heavenly Father, at this springtime of the year, with its promise of new birth, we ask you to bless Roseanna Elizabeth, who has been brought to you in baptism today. Grant patience, wisdom and love to her parents Helen and Matt, and to her godparents Victoria and Paul, as they all encourage Rosie in generosity and love; so that she will learn to love Jesus and want to serve Him.

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

As members of your church worldwide, we ask you to bless and guide our spiritual leaders; forgive us all, our fears, anxieties, prejudices, and misunderstandings. Strengthen our common bonds, and deepen our resolve to promote the *unity* of your church.

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

Heavenly Father, you have included *all* your commandments, in the one commandment, that we should love our neighbours as ourselves. Help us to interpret your law of love, in the context of our daily lives; increase our faith, and strengthen our trust in one another.

We pray that your love may be felt by people in their darkest hours. We think of those caught up in wars, those displaced from their homes, the hungry, prisoners of conscience, victims of cold, fire, famine and flood; Particularly at this time, we remember the peoples of Syria, Mali, Afghanistan and India, who are caught up in violence and death.

We remember too, the charities, the aid agencies, and the medical teams, who seek to bring them relief and support. Help *us, too*, to remember at this time of financial restraint, that without *our* support, *they* cannot carry out their humanitarian work.

And there is so much **local** need too; but there is so much **we** can do, by charitable giving of unwanted gifts, clothing and food, as well as our money, time and talents. Help us Lord, to turn our thoughts into actions.

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

Heavenly Father, we ask you to pour out your love on our families and friends, here and abroad, and on the members of our community: for those who struggle financially, for those who have lost their jobs, or cannot find work, for the sick, the lonely, the distressed and the dying

We pray for our neighbours who are in any need: Particularly Joy Jones, Liz Hodges, Martin, Don Lawes, Frank Ryan, Lucy, Muriel Greenway, Sylvia, Millie Moran, and young Christian who was knocked down last Sunday as he left church.

Grant to them all, patience in their suffering, and a knowledge of your sustaining love.

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

Heavenly Father, we commend into your loving keeping, the soul of Ruth Harris. Grant her, your light, your peace and your love; and comfort Susan, and all those who mourn.

We give thanks for the lives of the great grandparents of Rosie, who have departed this life, and who are remembered with love.

As we keep a moment of silence, let us remember those known to us individually, who need *our* prayers, *our* support, and *your* love.

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

Heavenly Father, as springtime unfolds once again, help us today and every day, to realise that you speak to us through the events of the day, through people, through things, through events, and through all your

creation. Give us eyes, ears and hearts, to perceive you, however veiled your presence may be.

“Lord accept us, just as we are, in our frailty, our inadequacy, our contradictions and our confusions; and help us so to live with what we are; that what we are, may become our way to you.”

**Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers,
For the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**