

HT Intercessions
21st July 2013

Heavenly Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in union with your son Jesus Christ, hear our prayers. Inspire the universal church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord. Grant that all who confess your holy name, may agree in the truth of your word, and learn to live in unity and godly love. Bless our church leaders, both lay and ordained, that they may rightly interpret to us, your Son's teachings, words and example.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to lead all nations in the ways of righteousness and peace. Direct the *rulers and leaders* of nations, that under them their people may be godly and quietly governed. Grant to your servant Elizabeth, our queen and governor, and to all those who serve the people under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of your true religion and virtue.

Calm the people in troubled Countries, particularly at this time, those in Egypt and Syria. And now with the prospect of fresh peace talks, between Israel and Palestine, and the release of prisoners, we ask you to guide and inspire the negotiators. May *all* sides in conflicts, learn to negotiate peaceful outcomes, and to understand that violence only serves to deepen the divide.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, in this beautiful but troubled World, give strength and hope to those who dedicate their lives to the alleviation of suffering; aid agencies, food banks, medical teams, ambulance drivers and paramedics, search and rescue services, fire fighters, lifeboat and helicopter crews, and the host of volunteers on permanent stand-by. Help us to *remember* them, and to thank them as appropriate, in our prayers and by our generosity of money, time and talents.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, we commend to your fatherly goodness, all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or estate. Comfort and relieve them in their need; give them patience in their suffering, and bring good out of all their afflictions. Particularly today, we pray for the victims of recent rail and air disasters, and of fires and floods; for Joy Jones, Liz Hodges, Martin, Muriel Greenway, Millie Moran, Carol Parker, Angela Pady, Tony Eggington, Don Lawes, Harriet, and Zac Durkin.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we commend into your gracious keeping, all those departed this life in your faith and fear, asking you according to your promises, to grant them refreshment, light, and peace, in the life everlasting. We remember those who died, in recent tragic accidents and natural disasters, and those service personnel, whose only relief from their anguish, was suicide. (Today, we pray for the soul of _____) May they all rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Lord we beseech you, to comfort their families and friends, as they try to come to terms with their loss.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, grant to *all* your people, your heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation, that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive your holy word, truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. As term ends, and exam results await, grant safe journeys to those who travel, and rest and refreshment to those on holiday. Bless our homes and our loved ones here and in other countries.

(Now, in a moment of quiet, let us bring our own personal and individual prayers and petitions before God.)

Eternal God, in the quietness of this moment, and in the holiness of this place, be with us all. Enfold us in your love, and fill us with your peace.

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

Amen

