

## HT INTERCESSIONS

Sunday 02<sup>nd</sup> August 2015

**Heavenly Father**, you are love, and the source of *all* love. Your love draws everyone together, as members of your family, into a deep and eternal unity.

Bless, we pray you, our most gracious sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth, as Governor of this Church of England. Replenish her with the grace of your Holy Spirit, and grant her health and a long life.

We pray for Justin, our Archbishop, Colin our bishop, Toby, Neil, Alistair, Ron, Sally and Joanna, our priests, and those who support them. Grant to them *all*, and to members of their councils, love, wisdom and patience, as they seek to heal the deep divisions in the church.

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

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

In this troubled world, we ask for your love, to shine into the lives of the leaders of the nations, and all those in authority, at whatever level; that their actions may demonstrate a love of your world, and its finite resources, and a love for the people entrusted to their charge.

Particularly we pray at this time, for solutions to the problems of Israel and Palestine, Syria and Turkey, Russia and Ukraine, and all the war-torn and unstable, places in the world.

Give strength to the member countries of the United Nations, the European Union, the Arab League, and all organisations which promote peace and reconciliation, as they discuss the hostilities and problems. Grant to them love, humility and understanding, and a vision of Your Kingdom here on Earth. And we continue to pray for those armed forces and civilians, involved in the ongoing engagements.

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

**Heavenly Father**, we pray that your love may be felt by people in their darkest hours;

At this Lammas-tide, as we give thanks for our daily bread, we think of the families and friends who have no bread and no water; the lonely; the disturbed; the bereaved; the oppressed, the sick in body, mind and spirit; prisoners; and the victims of accidents and natural disasters.

Give strength to the aid agencies and the medical teams, who seek to bring them succour, relief and support.

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

Help us Lord, to interpret your commandment to love one another, and to love our enemies, in the light of recent events in the world.

How *should* we react to IS and other terrorists, who purport to carry out their atrocities in your name?

How *should* we react to people traffickers, and child abusers?

What *should* be our reaction, to the disruption caused on both sides of the Channel, by desperate migrants, disgruntled ferry workers and frustrated French farmers?

Lord, what does it mean, to “*turn the other cheek*” and to “*love our enemy*”?

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

Lord, we ask you to pour out your love, on our families and friends, here and abroad, and on the members of our community. Calm the troubled souls, and heal the family rifts

Today we pray for: Tony Eggington, Sylvia, Edith Parsons, Joan Potter, Len, and for all those known to us individually, who need your love, our prayers, and our support.

**Heavenly Father**, we commend into your loving keeping, the soul(s) of *Philip Anslow*, and all who have recently died, whether or *not* they knew

your love in their *Earthly* lives, grant to their eternal spirits, your light, your peace and your love.

*(Pause)*

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

As we rejoice in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves, with all our concerns, and the whole of your creation, to your unfailing love.

*“Heavenly Father, fountain of love, pour that love into our souls, that we may love all your creation, and **grow** in that love: that **dwelling** in your love, we may  **dwell** in you.”*

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