

HT INTERCESSIONS

Bible Sunday 25/10/15

**Lord, hear our prayers,
And let our cry come unto thee.**

Heavenly Father, on this Bible Sunday, grant us the *faith* to receive your message, the *wisdom* to interpret its meaning, and the *courage* to act it out in our daily lives. Forgive us if we *hear* it, but do not act, or *believe* it, but do not obey it.

We pray for the church worldwide, which is *one* in proclaiming your love, but *divided* by the differences of *our* interpretations. Help us to dwell less on the issues that divide us, and more on those things which unite us.

Bless our bishops, and clergy. Grant to them, and to the members of their councils, wisdom and patience, as they seek to heal the disunity, by spreading the Good News of the Gospel to their congregations, and in their communities.

'Lord, they word abideth, and our footsteps guideth.'

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

Heavenly Father, we continue to pray most earnestly for peace in our time; peace amongst nations, peace in our communities, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. We pray that your love may shine into the hearts and minds of the aggressors and protagonists everywhere, and *turn* their hearts.

'O God, make us children of quietness, and heirs of peace.'

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

Heavenly Father, support our government, its politicians and law makers. May they be sensitive but bold, in setting out an agenda to

support its peoples, for the future direction of the Country, and its standing in the World. But *we* also need patience and restraint, as we come to understand the implications of that agenda. Help us to understand the need for a balance between self-interest, and that of the nation as a whole. Grant *us*, a true spirit of enquiry, dialogue and diplomacy. Help us to take collective and individual responsibility for our actions, and not to become part of the current blame culture, which sees everything as someone else's fault.

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

Heavenly Father, we continue to pray for those displaced from their lands and homes, who are daily risking their lives, as they seek new starts in foreign countries. We remember today, those who are suffering the effects of hurricane Patricia. We pray for those in our *own* community who are sick, sad, lonely, depressed or distressed; and for those who support them, medical teams and social workers, charities and aid agencies. Grant to us all, the generous love that gives of time, talents and resources, without expectation of a response or a reward.

Today we remember:

'Heavenly Father, may your light surround them, your presence enfold them, and your power heal them.'

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

Heavenly Father, we pray for the dead, and for the unity of the souls of the departed.

At this time, we pray especially for the souls of the French pensioners who died this week, in the horrific coach crash. Here at home, we pray for the soul (s) of :

And we remember their families and friends left behind, who mourn their passing, but rejoice for their lives.

'God will wipe away every tear, and death shall be no more. Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, anymore.'

(Let us in silence, bring before God, our own personal problems, needs and intercessions.)

*'Eternal God, in the quietness of this moment, and the holiness of this place, forgive us when we have failed to love **you**, each other, and ourselves. 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**