

HT INTERCESSIONS

Sunday 25th March 2018 Palm Sunday

Heavenly Father, you promised through your son Jesus Christ, to hear us when we pray in faith.

On this Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, in humility and lowliness, grant us that same courage and compassion, to proclaim our beliefs to those we meet day by day.

We pray for your church with all its problems and divisions. Give wisdom and guidance to our clergy, and inspire the host of lay volunteers who support them.

Pour down your blessing on the peoples of our links parishes in Sweden, as they prepare to meet us here next month.

Lord, we are quick to speak of faith, but slow to fully live it. Help us to use this Holy Week for individual and corporate renewal.

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

Heavenly Father, at this holy time, we pray for the leaders of the nations of the world, and the organisations which cooperate to keep the peace. Help those on all sides of the disputes, conflicts, threatenings and stand-offs, to learn that the only way forward, is diplomacy, dialogue, and compromise. Especially we pray for Russia, the USA, North and South Korea, and Syria.

Grant wisdom and patience to those whose task it is to steer an acceptable path through Brexit.

“Lord, you have shown us 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, forgive our complacency, when we see the problems of the world on our screens, and do nothing; the starving, dying, homeless and abused in war-torn countries, and those sleeping rough, abused, or lost and forgotten here in the UK

Grant to us all a more empathetic and generous nature, that we might be more proactive in our giving and support.

*“Lord, open our hearts to be **your** hearts, our hands to be **your** hands, and our arms to be **your** loving arms, for all those who need your presence.”*

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

Heavenly Father, during this Holy Week, we ask what we can do, to support the needy in our *own* local community: those individuals and families, who are affected by financial problems; those who depend on food banks and the charity of others; those who have no work; those whose lives have been turned upside down by accident and disaster; the sick, in body, mind or spirit. Today we remember particularly: -

Grant to them all, relief of their suffering, and peace of mind.

We pray for the members of our many local charities and support agencies, our medical services and our carers.

Lord, we commend into your loving keeping, the soul(s) of

and *all* who have recently died. Grant to their eternal spirits, your light, your peace and your love; and comfort those who mourn their passing.

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

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

Heavenly Father, during this Holy Week, we pray for ourselves, with all our imperfections, our anxieties, and our prejudices. Help us to contemplate and realise the enormity of the events unfolding this week, and prepare us for the blessed joy of Easter.

“Lord, create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us.

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus, AMEN”

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