

HT INTERCESSIONS

Sunday 29/07/18

Almighty God, you know our needs before we ask. Have compassion on our weakness, and grant us those blessings, for which we dare not ask.

Heavenly Father, we pray for Justin our Archbishop, for Steven and Colin our bishops, for Toby, Ness and Ross, for all our priests, and all those who support them in their ministry. Grant to them all, and members of their councils, wisdom and patience, as they seek to heal the deep divisions in the church, and to spread the good news of the Gospel.

**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.

We ask for your love, to guide the actions of the leaders of the nations, and all those in authority, at whatever level; that their diplomatic words and actions may demonstrate a love of your world, its peoples and its finite resources. Help them to realise that bullying, threatening, and destabilising behaviour achieve little.

Particularly we pray at this time, for successful solutions to the myriad troubles in the World, and for the member countries of the United Nations and the Security Council. Grant them humility and understanding, and a vision of Your Kingdom here on Earth.

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

Heavenly Father, we pray that your love may be felt by people in their darkest hours. As this Country continues to tear itself apart; as the World shrinks, and we need the support and cooperation of neighbouring countries more than ever before; as the divides between north and south, the haves and the have-nots, the young and the old, continue to widen;

pour your healing blessing on the lonely, the homeless, the disturbed, the oppressed, the victims of mindless knife crime, acid attacks, street snatches, and burglaries. Bring the angry and disaffected, to an understanding of the lasting harm they cause, both to their victims and to their families.

At this summertime, pour your love into families, and their children free from school. Bless the travellers and holiday-makers; keep them safe and free from harm, that they may return refreshed and recharged. May their holidays be Holy days.

But we are conscious that the summer weather is adversely affecting very many, in communities across the world; fires and floods devastating homes, lands and crops; the farmers and growers, the rough-sleepers, the vulnerable, the sick, the young and the elderly, putting pressure on the whole of the medical profession, and the support services. Help *us*, to help *them* by simple actions, of loving and supporting our neighbours. **Dear Lord**, we continue to ask for your blessing on:

Grant them alleviation of their suffering, peace of mind, and a knowledge of your love for them

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

Heavenly Father, we commend into your loving keeping, the soul(s) of -

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. Support their loved ones, who are left behind to mourn their passing, but who rejoice for their Earthly life.

And now we commend ourselves, with all our fears, concerns and longings, and the whole of your creation, to your unfailing love.

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‘Eternal God, in the quietness of this moment, and in the holiness of this place, enfold us all 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**

