

HT INTERCESSIONS

Sunday 24th February 2019

Dear Lord and Father of us all, we beseech you to hear us, as we bring our prayers and petitions before you.

Heavenly Father, we pray for your faithful people today, gathering all around the world in tiny churches and great cathedrals, to praise you, to hear your holy word, and to meet you in the bread and wine. Give us a sense of expectation as we *come*, and inspiration as we *go*. Bless Justin our archbishop, Steven our bishop and all our clergy, who seek to guide us in the ways of your truth.

Lord bestow on us all, the grace of your Holy Spirit; and grant us your peace.

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

Heavenly Father, we pray for the world, which struggles to live justly and in peace. We pray for those who have to search for daily food, or walk long distances for clean water. We remember with sadness those whose lives are cut short by disease or violence, and those who have fled their homes in fear. We pray for those who meet persecution and torture, with courage and dignity. Bless the work of the humanitarian relief agencies, as we pray for peace amongst people and nations.

Particularly today, we think of the homeless of our own land, those sleeping rough, cold and hungry, and in need of medical help. May your kingdom come, and your will be done, through us, here on earth, as it is in heaven.

Make us eager Lord, to serve our fellow humans, who live and die in poverty and hunger.

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

Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless all those people, who sustain *us* by their skills and love, and forgiveness. For the network of those with whom our lives are inextricably linked, and who make up the fabric of

our family and community life. Make us alert to each other's needs, and quick to serve and encourage one another. May *our* gentleness with each other, reflect *your* gentleness with us.

Give guidance, wisdom and inspiration to our leaders as they seek a solution to the seemingly intractable Brexit conundrum.

Let us love on another, rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

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

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are laid low by suffering, and those who are experiencing the assault of pain. We *trust* your love for us and for all people, and your deep desire for our wellbeing. As we think of

and name in our hearts, those known to us personally, who are in the grip of suffering, help us to pray and to act, that they may know your comfort and healing, both now and in the coming days.

Heavenly Father, we remember those who have given us the examples and models, by which we try to live. We think of those who have lived and died in quiet holiness, and whose prayers have helped to sustain the world. (Today we pray for the soul(s) of _____)
Help *us* to live in the light by which *they* lived, and to follow the source of that light, Jesus, the Christ, our Lord

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend their spirits.

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

Heavenly Father, as springtime begins to unfold once again, help us today and every day, to realise that you are speaking to us through the *events* of the day, through *people*, through *things*, and through all your creation. Give us eyes, ears and hearts, to perceive you, however veiled your presence may be. Grant us your Spirit of discernment.

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Let the presence and joy of the Lord, be our strength and our peace.

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