

## HT INTERCESSIONS

Passion Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

*Heavenly Father, at this passion-tide we meet in your presence; you know our needs, you hear our pleadings, you feel our pain, and you heal our wounds.*

Lord, we place in your hands the suffering of the world, and the needs of its people.

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

We pray for the church worldwide, that we may humbly bear our varied sufferings, and follow Jesus as our teacher, guide, and example.

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

We pray for all our clergy, entrusted with your holy word, like the priests and scribes. May they preserve the truth of that word, and teach us to live according to it.

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

We pray for all who have sinned, like Peter. Teach us to be sorry for our sins, and forgive us, when we genuinely repent for all that we do wrong.

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

We pray for all those in government and positions of responsibility, like Pilate and Herod. At this important time in our political history, may they use their powers wisely, and serve the Country with truth and justice.

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

We pray for prisoners, criminals and law-breakers, like Barabbas. May they find true freedom, by changing the way they think, behave and live.

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

We pray for those displaced from their homes and lands, by wars and natural disasters. The homeless and those dependent on others, as Jesus was.

Lord in our mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, disabled and disturbed, like those whom Jesus healed. Here today we think of

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

We pray for those who are dying, like the thieves crucified with Jesus. May they die with Jesus at their side, and be received into your kingdom.

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

We pray for parents like Mary who have lost a child. Help them to bear their suffering, and come to know the comfort of your love.

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

We pray for peace in areas where there is unrest and conflict. Protect our brothers and sisters in these places. May their neighbours see the image of Jesus in them.

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

We pray for the whole human race, that we may grow to better husband the finite resources of the world, and learn to share, as the disciples did.

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

And we pray for those with special needs who are known to us personally, and whom we now name silently in our hearts...

*(brief silence)*

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

*“Lord, control in us, whatever is contrary to your holy will. Grant us patience in our troubles, and strong wills in the face of temptation. Grant us sorrow for our sins, thankfulness for all your gifts, love of your mercies, and mindfulness of your continued presence in our lives, now and for ever. AMEN”*

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