

HT INTERCESSIONS

Sunday 1st September 2019

Heavenly Father, in the quietness of this moment, and in the holiness of this place, enfold us in your love, and fill us with your peace, as we focus on you, and lay out our concerns before you.

Pause

Heavenly Father, at the beginning of this new month, and as parliament reconvenes, we pray that everyone involved in the Brexit negotiations, including ourselves, will remember what has been achieved by our membership of the EU, during the passed 46 years, through cooperation, friendship, trust and compromise. What will be lost? And what will be gained, in any outcome. We, who are your church, are reminded by our Archbishop, of our responsibility to inform ourselves, and to make rational and reasoned responses.

Grant wisdom and understanding to our *spiritual* leaders, particularly at this time we ask you to bless Archbishop Justin, as he considers his possible role as Chair of a Citizen's Forum on Brexit.

Lord, we ask you to deepen our *own* spiritual beliefs, and grant us faith. And may we never forget the millions in the world, who are daily persecuted for their beliefs.

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

Heavenly Father, at the beginning of a new academic year, we think of everyone involved in our schools, Heads, teachers, assistants and governors. Be with the little ones starting school for the first time; those moving up a year; those changing schools, and those preparing for higher and further education. Particularly, we pray for your blessing on the work of Witney Community Primary school and pre-school, and on our secondary schools. Grant to them *all*, peace of mind. Bless the work and witness of The Acorns and our Sunday school, those recently baptised, and those preparing for baptism.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, everyday we see heart rending scenes of the fires and floods, earthquakes and landslips around the world; ice melting, sea levels rising, species threatened or extinct. We are profligate with our planet's resources, which are finite and dwindling. We rape our land and poison our seas. We discard half our food, whilst millions die of starvation.

Lord, make us more responsible for our actions, and conscious of our own personal contribution to global warming and climate change.

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

Heavenly Father, be with those at all levels, who make decisions that affect our daily lives, dictators, presidents, governments, parliaments and councils. Grant to them all, the knowledge that talking together with mutual respect, is the only way to reconcile differences.

Support and sustain those in direst need, infants and children, the sick, the anxious, the depressed and confused, the rejected, the lonely and the unloved, the elderly and the dying.

Today we pray especially for

Lord, accept the souls of the dead, into your everlasting light and peace.
Today we pray for the soul(s) of -

Be with those who mourn their loss, but rejoice for the life they loved.

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

Heavenly Father, we pray for ourselves, with all our fears and worries, our guilts and failings. Help us to become day by day, more like your son, Jesus the Christ.

Grant that we, who dwell secure in this insecure world, may be generous in understanding, and in giving of our time, talents and money as appropriate, to the insecure and the needy.

**Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers,**

**For the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**