

INTERCESSIONS

Sunday 25/08/02

Holy Father, you are love, and from You, flows that love which is the source of *all* love. Your love draws everyone together, as members of your family, in a deep and eternal unity.

Pour out your love on the Bishops and clergy of your church, that by their word and example, they may lead their people, into a deeper knowledge of that love.

We pray especially for the newly appointed Archbishop of Canterbury, for Geoffrey our Bishop and for Eric and David our priests here in the Algarve.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us

Dear God, you have included all your commandments, in the one commandment of love, that we should love our neighbours as ourselves. So that, if we love NOT our neighbour, we cannot fulfil your law. Help us to interpret your law of love, in the context of our daily lives.

We ask for your love, to shine into the lives our the leaders of the nations, and all those in authority, at whatever level; that their actions may demonstrate a love of your world, and its finite resources, and a love for the people entrusted to their charge.

Particularly we pray at this time, for the world's leaders meeting in South Africa, to discuss the alleviation of poverty and a right approach to the management of the environment.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray that your love will be felt by people in their darkest hours;

We think of the families and friends of Jessica and Holly; the lonely; the disturbed; the bereaved; the oppressed; those displaced from their homes and lands; the hungry; the sick in mind and body and spirit; prisoners; and victims of fire, famine and flood.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Help us Lord, to interpret your commandment to love one another, and to love our enemies, in the light of recent events in the world.

How should we react to paedophiles and child killers?
How should we react to terrorists, who purport to carry out their atrocities in your name?

Blessed Lord, who by your word and example of Jesus, has shown us the meaning of true neighbourliness, and the way of love, grant that we may learn to recognise as our neighbours, every fellow human being, who needs our help, and to serve them with unselfish love, like your own love for us.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously, hear us.

Lord, we ask You to pour out your love, on our families, on our friends and on the members of our community.

Bless all travellers and holiday makers, that *holidays* may be Holy-days. Grant them refreshment of spirit and renewal of strength.

Let us keep a moment of silence, as we remember those known to us individual, who need your love.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend O Lord, into your loving keeping, all who have died, whether or not they knew your love in their *Earthly* lives, grant to their eternal spirits, your light, your peace and your love.

And as we rejoice in the fellowship of St. Luke, St. Vincent and all your saints, we commend ourselves, with all our concerns, and the whole of your creation, to your unfailing love.

O God, fountain of love, pour your love into our souls, that we may love all your creation, grow in that love, that dwelling in your love, we may dwell in You.

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers,

For the sake of your Son,

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

