

## INTERCESSIONS

**Sunday 04<sup>th</sup> November 2007 All Saints**

*“Lord, grant us the faith of your saints, that loving you above all, we may be what you would have us be, and do what you would have us do”*

Heavenly Father, as this world-wide Anglican Church, continues in division, we pray for Rowan, our Archbishop, his bishops and his clergy. Particularly we ask your Holy Spirit to guide *our* bishops - Geoffrey, David and Manuel - *our* clergy, Haynes and John, and all their lay assistants.

Govern and direct this wounded Chaplaincy; fill it with love and truth; and grant it, that unity which is your will.

*“Heavenly Father, you have called us to be one, in the family of the Church; gives us grace to break down the barriers which keep us apart; that accepting our differences, we may grow in love for one another, to the glory of your name.”*

**Lord, hear us.**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Heavenly Father we continue to pray, for peaceful outcomes to seemingly intractable problems in your world. For Israel and Palestine: for Iraq, for Afghanistan, Iran, Darfur, and all the other troubled areas. Give wisdom and understanding, tolerance and skill, to our leaders and negotiators. Without compromise on all sides, there *is* no possibility of lasting peace.

The Book of Proverbs tells us that *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”* Help us all to realise, that everything we do, should be based on the two commands of Jesus, to love God, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

**Lord, hear us.**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for ourselves, as we struggle to understand local and world-wide issues. What should be our Christian response, to local crime, to global warming, to immigration, to famine and homelessness?

Help us to interpret the media, to distinguish between truth and spin.  
And grant us true understand, as we seek to better inform ourselves, and  
a sense of true charity, in thoughts, words, and deeds.

*“Lord, grant us the serenity, to accept the things we cannot change, the  
courage, to change the things we can, and the wisdom, to know the  
difference.”*

**Lord, hear us.**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for our families, here and in other parts of your  
world, for the sanctity of marriage and wedding anniversaries, and for the  
blessing of children and their birthdays: for our friends and neighbours,  
and for all those people upon whom we depend, day by day. No-one is an  
island. Help us, regardless of our own problems, to help others.  
We pray for the victims of civil war in Darfur, of fires in California, of  
famine in Africa, and of flooding in Brazil.

We pray for the sick, whether in body, mind or spirit, and for those who  
seek to care for them. Particularly we pray for the work of the Nursing  
Home here at Palagheira. (And for.....)

We pray for the dead and dying, and for those loved ones who mourn  
their passing. (For.....)  
We pray for the *souls* of the faithful departed, may they rest in peace and  
rise in glory.

*“Heavenly Father, we remember all those who have faithfully lived, and  
died, especially those dear to us. Lift us into life and love, and grant that  
at the last, we may behold thy face, and join the band of saints in heaven,  
for ever and ever.”*

**Let us keep a moment of silence, as we think of the needs of others.**

*“Give us the wings of faith, to rise above the veil, and see the saints  
above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be.”*

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your son  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.                      Amen**

