

## INTERCESSIONS

**Sunday 28/06/09**

Heavenly 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, into a deep and eternal unity.

Bless, we pray you, our most gracious sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth. Replenish her with the grace of the Holy Spirit, and grant her health and long to live.

We pray for Rowan, our Archbishop, for Geoffrey and David our Bishops, and for the Bishop of Faro. We also pray for David our Archdeacon, for our Chaplain Haynes, and for Bob our Chaplain designate, and for their families. Grant them, their assistants in worship, and members of the Council, wisdom and patience, as they all combine to move the Chaplaincy forward, in love of You.

And at this Pentecost, we pray for those who have dedicated their lives to your ministry.

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

Heavenly Father, you have included all your commandments, in the one commandment, 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 of 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. Soften the hearts of the oppressors, in countries like Iran and Zimbabwe; and warmongers and terrorists in Afghanistan and Pakistan

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

Heavenly Father, we pray that your love may be felt by people in their darkest hours;

We think of the families and friends of those caught up in the many wars be waged around your world; the lonely, the disturbed; the bereaved; the oppressed; those displaced from their homes and lands; the hungry; the sick in mind, body and spirit; prisoners; and victims of fire, famine and flood.

We remember too, the aid agencies, and the medical teams, who seek to bring them relief and support. Without **our** support, they cannot work.

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

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

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, in your mercy.  
Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we ask You to pour out your love on our families and friends, here and abroad, 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.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will comfort Harry and to Fred in their dark troubles; and give Esme and Rosemary, strength in their watching and caring.

We also remember \_\_\_\_\_

Let us keep a moment of silence, as we remember those known to us individually, who need *your* love, *our* prayers and *our* support.

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

Heavenly Father, we commend into your loving keeping, the soul of Jean Dingley, who died here in Palhagheira this week, and *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. Peter, 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, the fountain of love, pour that love into our souls, that we may learn to love all your creation, and 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**