

INTERCESSIONS

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Heavenly Father, who hast given us a commandment, that we should believe in the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ, and to love one another: Give us also the grace to keep this commandment, that we may evermore dwell with You, and You in us, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Give grace and guidance to our Archbishop Rowan, to our bishops, Geoffrey and David, our Chaplain Haynes, to Fiona our Reader, and our newly appointed Assistant Chaplain Michael, to the members of the Council and to all those who support our worship, and who work day by day for the furtherance of the Chaplaincy. May they *all* develop an increasingly broad vision, for the future of your kingdom here in the Algarve.

Bless us who worship here. Save us as a congregation, from developing cliques and factions, and from being too inward looking and over-occupied with our own little affairs. Help us to take our eyes off ourselves, and to focus them on those outside. Help us to remember that your church does not exist for itself, but for the sake of others.

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Lord, graciously hear us.

Heavenly Father, we continue to pray for a lasting peace in Iraq, in Afghanistan, in Palestine and Israel, in Pakistan, and Kenya, and many other places in Africa and the Middle East.

Lord, guide the leaders of the countries of the free world, the preparations for Presidential elections in the United States, the future deliberations of the United Nations, NATO, the European Community and the Arab League. May they all learn to work together, and to trust each other, and to aim for peace amongst all the peoples of your world.

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Lord, graciously hear us

Heavenly Father, we are daily reminded that we are a privileged few. Every *day* we are reminded of those who are victims of war, and climatic catastrophes: the starving, the suffering, the maimed, the dying, the victimised and the exploited: and those who mourn. Help us to help them in any way we can, and ever to be grateful for what we have.

(Fires in Europe. Hostages and their families in Iraq)

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Heavenly Father, we pray for ourselves, our church and our community. We remember those who are dis-eased and dis-abled, through war, through accident or through illness. Some we know, some we see on our televisions, some who profess to know You, Jews, Muslims and Christians, and those who profess no faith. Particularly we ask for your continued blessing and support for Harry and and for Fred. May they know the power of *our* prayers, and the grace of *your* Holy Spirit.

We pray for the work of the nursing home here at Palagheira, and for all those in the caring professions, upon whom we rely on a daily basis: doctors, nurses and paramedics: for social, psychiatric and support workers; teachers and lecturers; marriage guidance counsellors; police, probation and prison officers; magistrates and judges ...

We pray that by their skill and training, they may ease the burden of those in need, and in their care.

We pray for the souls of the departed, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

(Silence)

Lord, grant us the courage to give up our fear of death, and with those who have died in faith, embrace the knowledge that there is life everlasting. And remembering St. David, St. Vincent, St. Luke and all

your saints, we commend ourselves and all your creation, to your unfailing love.

Heavenly Father, whose compassion embraces all, graciously receive us, who now come to you, and who have nothing to plead but our own exceeding need, and your exceeding love.

Merciful Father:

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ

Amen