

Intercessions **27th June 2010**

Heavenly Father, we bring our prayers and petitions before you, in the sure faith that you will hear them and answer them, as appropriate to our needs.

We pray for the continuing witness of the Anglican Communion world-wide, and in particular for this Church of England. Strengthen and guide our Archbishop Rowan, our Bishops Geoffrey and David, Manuel, Bishop of Faro, our Chaplains Bob and Haynes, Canon Terry our celebrant, Fiona and Eckhart, and all those who support your work.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, may they all seek to unite a deeply divided church. To instil into their flocks, a clear understanding, that everyone of us seeks You in their own way; that in Your kingdom, there is *unity*, not *uniformity*.

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

Heavenly Father, we pray for our Queen Elizabeth, for her peers and ministers in both Houses of her Parliament, for the President of Portugal, and for all those who administer our local governments, both here and in the United Kingdom. We ask that those who hold positions of elected responsibility, at international, national and local levels, will put aside personal ambition, and concentrate their wills for the good of all.

We pray for openness and truthfulness in the talks between Prime Minister David Cameron, and President Barak Obama; and in the G8 and G20 summits in Canada, that all the discussions will produce positive outcomes, for the future direction of Your world.

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

Heavenly Father, as we watch our televisions, and read our newspapers in comfort, help us to realise the true horrors that are being perpetrated by the few, but felt by the very many.

We pray for all those caught up in any way in the oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico; for the victims of the recent volcanic eruption, the earthquakes and the floods, and of the displacement and chaos that follow.

Help us Lord, to seek an understanding, of some of the many seemingly intractable problems in Your World.

The conflict between East and West
between Jew and Arab
between Christian and Muslim
between Israel and Palestine
between India and Pakistan
between Shi'ites and Sunnies
and between Terrorists and their targets throughout the World

May your atoning love triumph, and people learn to live in peace with their neighbours.

Pour your Holy Spirit into the hearts of the aid agencies and medical teams, dedicated to support, and the alleviation of suffering.

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

Heavenly Father, we ask you, to bless our homes, our families, our neighbours, and our communities.

Help us, lest we forget those thousands of babies, children and adults who die every day, from dis-ease and lack of food and water.

Help us not to forget the thousands of families, displaced from their homes, lands and countries by the greed of others.

Help us to understand more clearly, the desperate plight of refugees and asylum seekers, before *we* fall into the trap of making uninformed value judgements, and reckless statements and suggestions.

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

Heavenly Father, we pray most earnestly for inner personal peace. Jesus commanded us to, “*love one another.*” Before we can truly love others, we need to learn to love ourselves as we are, with all our imperfections and shortcomings, our desires and longings. Calm the troubled minds, which lead inevitably to dis-eased bodies.

We ask for your blessing on travellers, visitors and holiday makers, keep them safe, and may they return to their homes, refreshed and invigorated.

We remember particularly today, Fred Jackson, and Rosemary who loves him, cares for him and supports him, (we remember too
.....) and we ask you to pour upon them (*all*), your Holy Spirit, to support and strengthen them, in their times of need.

We pray for the souls of the faithful departed, now ascended into heaven. And on this Veterans’ Day, we give thanks for the lives of the countless numbers of men and women who have given, and continue to give their lives, in the service of *their* Country, and the fight for *our* continued freedom.

(Particularly today we pray for)

Grant peace to those who grieve for a death, but rejoice for a life.

In a moment’s silence, we bring before You our private prayers, for ourselves, and for our loved ones, our own personal problems, and those of your world.

*“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.”*

**Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers,
For the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

Amen

