

Intercessions for Seventh Sunday of Easter -Sunday after Ascension – 24th May 2020

Almighty God, may our prayers ascend to you just as Jesus Christ, your son, was taken up to heaven. As we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus let it inspire in us feelings of joy and hope rather than fear and separation as we await the coming of the Holy Spirit.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Everlasting God we pray for our Bishops, David, Mark and Mark and all Church Leaders; for all the clergy, readers and laity who serve in the Manchester diocese. Bless and guide them as they strive to lead us in a much-changed world. We pray for the future of the diocese as arrangements to move to the new deanery structures move forward

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, we pray for our troubled world its peoples and their leaders. We pray for those caught up in war, and violence, and hatred; especially the innocent victims of these evils and those who are abused because of Christ. May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that we may vanquish injustice and wrong and that the suffering won't last forever.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, we pray for all the people that we encounter in our daily lives especially through the internet and social media in these difficult times. Help us to recognise Christ in one another however stressed and tired they may be. We ask that you help us to recognise the risen Christ in the face of someone we meet today and give us an opportunity to brighten their day with a smile or a word.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

In our community we pray;

Oldham East Churches, the area dean, clergy, all who support the clergy and their congregations,

Revd Sally Robinson who is preparing to take up her First Incumbency, and the parishioners she will serve.

The staff and residents of Oakdene and Millfield residential homes. Also, for those living in sheltered accommodation including Medlock court. Keep them safe in your tender loving care.

The headteachers of Hey with Zion school, Springhead and other local schools as they manage the responsibilities and the changing circumstances they may face.

Those living on Beechfields close.

Anniversary of Baptism: Lettie Bradley, Ingrid Brownridge

those in need; for those who are filled with guilt; who are broken-hearted; who are confused and afraid; or saddened because a relationship has broken down. We pray for all suffering from illness, particularly those requesting our prayers and give joyful thanks for those on the road to recovery: Jean Smith, Christine Moorfield, Phil, Maureen MCGovern, Leslie Hodinott, Elizabeth Mayall, Enid Firth, Evelyn, Mary, Betty Heap, Brenda Robinson, Angela, Fred Cope, Brenda Robinson and all those injured in the plane crash in Pakistan.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, we pray for all who have died, especially those who encouraged us in our faith by their example. Francis Potter, Amy Hall, Phil Rennie, Dave Malkin, Irene Buckley, Aya Hachem and all those who perished in the plane crash in Pakistan. Comfort all who grieve.

those whose anniversary falls at this time: Marion Mills, Eileen Kershaw, Margaret Shelmerdine.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God, as we go out into the coming week make us mindful that we should constantly pray for your world and your people just as Jesus, your son, prayed for his disciple before returning to you.

We also offer special prayers for:

Revd. Paul Robinson and his regiment who are assisting with various projects to help contain the spread of coronavirus, Jonathan Schofield, senior consultant making difficult decisions at MRI, Tracie Schofield, working at Wythenshawe A&E, for Mark Baines who has volunteered to work in ICU, Louise Rice working in A/E, Gareth Farnon-Jones in his role as paramedic, Janet Harrison, Wendy, Liz, midwives maybe risking their lives to bring new life safely into the world, Sandra, a registrar, Adrian, a care-worker, Mathew Shepherd, a paramedic

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen

“The Jesuits in the USA have circulated this prayer which I think many will find useful”

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.
