

## **Intercessions Pentecost - Yr A**

Lord, you have given us the vision to dream dreams.  
Now through the Holy Spirit may we show and share your gifts  
to all who will listen, look and learn.  
Help us to support each other in the task of mission,  
remembering your Son's instructions in sending out his disciples.  
Breathe on us, gracious God,  
the wind and the fire of your inspiration  
so that we can be confident that you are with us and in us  
when we face difficult challenges.

### **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

We pray that you may equip your Church,  
this church, to do you justice and honour,  
in worship and prayer, mission and pastoral care.  
Let service to others be at the heart of our purpose,  
as it was for your Son.  
Strengthen us in our resolve to make a difference,  
to bring understanding  
and to trust your Holy Spirit to guide us.

### **Lord, in your mercy: in our prayer**

We pray for the parts of the world that are in turmoil at present,  
Especially: America where unrest has spread across dozens of cities, the poorest  
countries where people are facing lack of water, food and healthcare,  
May your peace be known there, your compassion shown there,  
your faith grown there.  
Help us to reach out and touch as your Son would have done.  
We also pray for places and people affected by natural forces,  
exacerbated by humanity's selfish actions.  
Turn selfishness into selflessness, we ask.

### **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

In our own community we pray for . . .

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

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 Ashfield Crescent North and Ashdene

Anniversary of Baptism: Eliza Muller, Sofia Alexandra Garcia Reyes, Elijah Jones, Noah  
Logan, Amelia Lees, Frankie-Joe Ashton.

Give a helping hand and a sign of hope, we ask, Lord,

to the sick in mind, body or spirit, remembering especially those in urgent need of our prayers: Jean Smith, Christine Moorfield, Maureen McGovern, Leslie Hodinott, Elizabeth Mayall, Enid Firth, Evelyn, Mary, Betty Heap, Brenda Robinson, Angela, Fred Cope, Mary Lawton

We pray for those who have died and ask that they now share the peace of your eternal kingdom, remembering: Irene Buckley, Gareth Dawson Cynthia and those whose anniversary falls at this time: Sybil Buck, Mark Joyce, Nicola Graham, Anne Heeks, Rob Cooper, Alice Kershaw,

Bring comfort to those who remain, to those who mourn, and to those who find it difficult to grieve. Help them to shed tears, but also to let go, in the confidence that their loved ones are now with you.

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Father God we pray for your world and its peoples with all their needs, questions and longings. So often we struggle to understand the reasons behind things like the Corona Virus; and yet we know that in the midst of such events your love is shown in the acts of bravery, selflessness and compassion which we are seeing all around us especially by our health services and those in the wider community who continue to serve our needs.

We pray for all who suffer in such dreadful circumstances and for those who are tasked with providing the medical and community support and, eventually, in the long task of reconstruction.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
Amen**