

## **Intercessions w/c Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July.**

*(Adapted by Revd. Christine Steel).*

We thank you, ever-loving Lord,  
for the gift of your Son, as a living sacrifice,  
to bear our sins and redeem your world.  
You put Abraham to the test and spared Isaac;  
you put us to the test and found us wanting.  
But through your Son's death and resurrection  
you have given us a second chance: the chance of salvation.  
Now let us show in our actions and words  
that we are worthy of your trust and his sacrifice.  
May the gift of prophecy be heard in this generation.

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

May we seek to extend the ministry of welcome and hospitality  
in our churches and in our hearts.  
Let new and mature Christians alike learn of your love  
through Scripture, worship and the peace of your presence.  
And may the common bonds of fellowship between churches  
show the unity of your purpose through devoted discipleship,  
as your Son taught us.

We pray for Revd. Amy as she joins the clergy team here at St John the Baptist Hey.  
May Amy be guided by the Holy Spirit every step of the way in this new chapter of  
her ministry.

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

Inspire in us, we pray,  
the desire for practical expression of our faith.  
You have sent many challenges in the world,  
many hearts to win over, and above all, the Holy Spirit,  
to make it all possible for us to rise to meet your expectations.  
In the world today we pray especially for those nations torn apart by civil war and  
violence including Yemen, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala  
and we ask that Christians can make a difference:  
even us, even now.

### **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.**

In our own community we pray for . . .  
Oldham East Churches as they begin to open their doors for private prayer and  
explore ways to safely re-introduce worship into their churches.  
Those who live on Heywood Fold Road.  
Stanley Douglas on the anniversary of his baptism.  
Oakdene and Millfield Care homes, their staff and residents and all who live and  
work at Medlock Court.

Hey with Zion and Springhead Primary Schools as they continue to strive to make their schools safe for staff and pupils.

Guard those who feel fragile and unwell at this time as we pray especially for: Jean Smith, Christine Moorfield, Maureen McGovern, Leslie Hodinott, Elizabeth Mayall, Enid Firth, Evelyn, Mary, Betty Heap, Fred Cope, Mary Lawton, Angela, Kathreen Shabhaz, Grace and all those who have been injured during the recent riots, including those trying to uphold the law. Give them the time and patience to recover and the encouragement to carry on.

We remember those who have died, and those who have died at the hands of others, those who are bereaved, and those who stand alongside the mourners, sharing their grief. We remember especially Geoff Pogson. We especially pray for those whose anniversary is near: Brian Locke, Neville Jackson, May Ranson.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ**  
**Amen**