

## Intercessions for Trinity Sunday 2020

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, on this special day, we come before you to offer our praise and adoration. You are God, the creator, giving us richly all things to enjoy. You are Christ the Saviour of the world, made flesh to set us free. You are the Spirit of truth and love, willing to dwell in us. You are holy and blessed. One God, eternal Trinity, be near to us the people formed in your image, and close to the world, your love brings to life

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we pray for your church throughout the world, for those that are thriving and those which have lost a sense of direction especially during this Pandemic. We give thanks for Manchester Diocese and its people, and gladly acknowledge all the gifts you have given us through its life, we ask you to open wide our hearts that we may welcome the stranger and share our faith with others. You, Lord, have chosen men and women to serve you in the ministry of your church and have given them a perfect example in the person of your son.

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember all who bear the responsibility of leadership, for heads of state, ambassadors and political advisers, we think today particularly of the leaders of the world as they and their peoples start to return slowly to a new normality; let your will for our world be accomplished through the decisions they make and give them a vision of a better way of life for everyone.

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we pray for peace in the world, in our communities and our families: create in us a love for peace, not peace that is absent from struggle, nor peace that is blind to injustice but the peace that makes whole what now is broken.

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

In our own community we pray for: Thornham St James, and Roy Evans.

Revd Sally Robinson as she is licensed and takes up her new ministry in Churches in Heywood.

The staff and residents of Oakdene and Millfield residential homes, those living in Medlock court.

Hey with Zion and Springhead primary schools, their headteachers, staff and pupils as the schools prepare to partially re-open.

Those who live on Ashfield Crescent South and Bateson Drive.

Those whose anniversary of Baptism is near: Jasper Mundy.

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember this morning those who are sick, sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved. We continue to give thanks for all frontline workers as they continue to risk their lives coping with the Corona Virus. We pray especially for: Jean Smith, Christine Moorfield, Maureen McGovern, Leslie Hodinott, Elizabeth Mayall, Enid Firth, Evelyn, Mary, Betty Heap, Angela, Fred Cope, Mary Gordon.

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember before God, those who have died and we pray for all whose life is saddened by the death of a loved one, be with them in their loneliness and let them know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world a light which no darkness can quench. We especially pray for who have died from the virus and their loved ones who were unable to attend their funerals. Remembering those who have died in our own community: Gareth Dawson, Irene Buckley laid to rest this week, Linda D'Sousa who will be laid to rest next Wednesday, George Floyd.

And those whose anniversary falls at this time: Alice Kershaw, Vera Hulme, Charlotte Findlay

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

Father God, lead us into the coming week, Son of God, help us to believe that you are close to us, Spirit of God, keep us from making mistakes, Triune God, help us never to disappoint you, and when we face hard decisions or difficult work, when we enjoy ourselves and have fun with others may we know that you share these times with us.

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.*