

Intercessions w/c 19th July 2020

(Adapted by Revd. Christine Steel)

Gracious Lord,
you are full of compassion, full of kindness and truth.
Grant us, we pray, the strength to resist evil,
the ability to distinguish good seed from bad
and the capacity to listen to you at all times.
May our hope be in you, our trust in your Son,
and our inspiration be your Holy Spirit.

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

We pray for the state of your Church,
its leaders and congregations, its mission and message.
May our own church benefit from the structures
and resources it has,
and may we use these wisely and properly
to your glory and for the good of future generations.

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

We pray for the people of:
Afghanistan as the authorities struggle to deal with Covid19 as the
health infrastructure is already weakened by decades of war,
Pakistan who are in lockdown and food is becoming scarce for the
poorer people
Indonesia where flash floods and mud slides have had a devastating
effect, killing people and many are missing,

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

As we wonder at the sheer beauty of your creation,
let us acknowledge our failings of stewardship.
Help us to meet our responsibilities towards our environment,
every day of our lives.
We give thanks for the example of others,
both in our own society and in other lands.
Your Son showed us the way to care for our neighbour:
may we show the same respect for your creation.

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

In our own community we pray for:
Those living on Brownhill Drive.
Samuel Abernathy, Robyn Jones, Nicola McKenna, William Jack Thorley
McKenna on the anniversary of their baptisms.
We ask that in Hey with Zion School where your word is shared and
heard,
there is a celebration of Christian heritage, as well as a true
appreciation of spiritual growth.

We pray for those struck down by illness and injury.
May the hope of recovery and the company of friends
be a support to the sick, as we remember especially:
Jean Smith, Christine Moorfield, Enid Firth, Evelyn, Betty Heap, Mary
Lawton, Alma, Mavis Farrand, Grace Stansfield

We remember those who have died
and are now in the peace of your eternal kingdom
We pray especially for David Bottomley
And those whose anniversary is near:
Private Josiah Wood, Ada Tomlin, Albert Hacking, Ray Atkins, Maureen
Purdy, Su Percival.
Comfort the bereaved and strengthen them
in hope amidst the tears.

Faithful God, we thank you for the opportunity of being together in
prayer. As we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an
awareness of your love and support in all we do.

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