

Gracious God, we pray for the whole family of your worldwide church. May all your people be built up in faith and demonstrate in their lives the gospel of Jesus Christ especially as at this time we are struggling to meet together because of the pandemic. Give courage to those who find it hard to follow you. Give us a fresh vision that leads to action and strengthen us to serve you in the places where we live.

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

Creator God, we pray for those in positions of authority and leadership; that they do not misuse their powers but respect and care for all their peoples and for the natural resources of their countries.

During this Lenten season may we aware of those in our world who are always hungry and thirsty and of all those who have so little when we have so much.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Lord Jesus, we pray for ourselves and the communities in which we live and work that day by day we may listen for your voice, seek your guidance and make your love and compassion known to those we encounter.

In our local community we pray for Revd Dave Woodall and Revd Howard Moston of St. James, East Crompton, for staff and residents of Millfield care home, for headteachers, staff and children of our schools, those who live on Beckett St, Hibbett St, Sunhill and Woodhead Close.

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

Loving God, we pray for those who are ill and in pain, longing to live full lives, for those who are sad and hurt longing for comfort, for those in hospital awaiting treatment, for those convalescing, seeing an end to their suffering and for those whose only relief will come through death. May we always offer gentle support to those in trouble sensitive encouragement to those in need, and strength and support to those in weakness. We especially pray for any suffering from Coronavirus, praying for:

Jean Smith, Christine Moorfield, Enid Firth, Evelyn, Mary Lawton, Gordon Lawton Alma and Grace Stansfield, Bernard, Mark, Betty Heap, and Andrew Fawcett, Lucy Rigby, Charlie Standring, Lucy, and George, David Owen.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we pray for those saddened by the death of someone close to them. Give them your comfort as they mourn for their loved ones and turn their darkness into light. We commend to your everlasting love and care those who have died praying that will rest eternal in the light of Christ. We remember especially...Florence Buckley, Douglas Clague and those whose anniversary is near Lily Lee.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, help us to see this time of Lent as an opportunity to develop our discipleship and discipline and as your Son Jesus showed us how to reject temptation, fill us with grace to be faithful to his example in this Lenten season and the years ahead.

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