**INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY, 17th JANUARY 2021**

**Almighty God, our heavenly father**, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

We praise you, our Lord, for the sacrifice, Jesus made on our behalf, as we reflect on the birth of a new year, post our Christmas celebrations.

For all the learnings, and acts of discipline taken by our congregation, over past months, we thank you.

Strengthen all who work on our behalf through the Parish office, as well as all who work in your name throughout the world. Especially want to ask for prayers for David, Paulette, Jane, Deborah and Robyn, plus others supporting our congregation, as always.

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

We look for your inspiration as you have taught us, and look to live in the ideals of loving our neighbours, and sharing your glory with others, and continuing to support the vulnerable, and maintain contacts for those less able to attend church in person, currently.

At this time where many cannot be with their family or loved ones – we wish them peace and health and future opportunities to be together in person.

Give grace to our families and friends and to all our community, that we may look to Christ and live by his teachings, and aim to share love as he loves us.

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

**Check Diocesan listing….**

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

Bless and guide all those in authority, and give wisdom to those governing here, and every nation in the ways of justice and peace. We pray for tolerance, and an ability to capture the power of truth in these times, to reassure, and forge new friendships, and understandings where we differ in opinion.

Look with mercy O Lord on this damaged world. We look to the leaders of all faiths to find new paths to common ground. Our prayers are with the peoples who live in parts of the world less capable of fighting infection. We also keep all people being persecuted for their faith or beliefs, as a focus of our thoughts amongst others, at this time. We trust that your love will shine upon those trying to make peace a reality, and find solutions to unrest and brutality.

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

We pray for the many who have suffered and paid the ultimate price of the pandemic, as well as those who are experiencing illness short or long term.

To those who are caring first hand in hospitals and homes, those going to work to keep our nation stable and fed, we thank you for empowering their spirit and fortitude.

In these uncertain times, may we recognise how much we have to be grateful for, when so many others have far more challenging circumstances.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind and spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles. For those recovering from illness we are grateful, and wish them speed in regaining strength.

We pray for …(check book)

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

Father, we pray for those who have lost a special friend or relation recently, and to those members of our families who have passed, and whose anniversary we recall. Let us find solace in the memories and joy they brought us, and our desire for them to be part of the heavenly afterlife.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace **and rise in glory**

**Dear Father,
We remember and thank you for your love,
For your care & protection of all your people
Let us display & share the love held within the Cross of Jesus
Give us all hope and peace within the security and knowledge of you.
Amen**

*We pray with Mary*

Hail Mary, full of Grace the Lord is with thee, Blessed art thou amongst all women

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God

Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

**Amen**

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