**INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY, 9th May 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.

Strengthen all who work in your name throughout the world. We offer prayers for David, Paulette, Jane, plus Robyn and Joseph and officers who are maintaining parish business, as well as looking to support our congregation at this testing time.

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.

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 not twist facts and indulge in deflection of genuine pain.

We look to the leaders of all faiths to lead the path of not isolating communities. Our prayers are with the peoples of the refugee camps throughout this world. India, Yemen, Mexico and all of South America, and all places suffering strife, will continue to be a focus of our reflections. We trust that your love will shine upon those trying to formulate peace, and increase health chances for all.

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

We pray for the many who have suffered and who are experiencing illness short or long term.

To those who are caring first hand in hospitals and homes, we thank you for empowering their spirit and fortitude.

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.

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

We keep fundraising efforts in these times as a goal, highlighting further the need to think of others, even when anxious for our nearest and dearest. Christian Aid week may have passed, but we keep all charities helping the unfortunate and in need in our prayers.

We ask for our acts of self denial, and desire to atone for our shortfalls, by recognising our fortune in the compassion you show us, by showing faith, hope and charity to others.

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

Give grace to us, 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. We celebrate the coming of spring and the rebirth of the land. Praise you Lord.

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**

*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**