**Intercession**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 6th 2020**

Almighty God our heavenly Father your promise through your Son, Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. We name in your presence people and circumstances that need our prayers.

**The Church of Christ**

We pray for church’s in this country and throughout the world. We pray for Father David, Mother Paulette, Jane, Deborah and all those who serve in our parish. We pray that we may all benefit from various gifts that we all have to offer in the service of Christ, that in faith and unity; we may be constantly renewed by your Holy Spirit for mission

We pray particularly today for the people of the Holy Land where Jesus, your word made flesh, came to live alongside us. Let your Peace bring a new spirit of reconciliation among those who have brought discord, mistrust and danger into the pathways of Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

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

### Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority

Dear Lord - we pray today for peace in our world, and an end to violence. May there be peace in our homes and hearts so that we may live and work together in a spirit of peace and harmony. Remind us all that we share your world with others, many less fortunate than us. Help us to be reminded of their exposure to violence and anger. Purify the minds and attitudes of men and women in leadership.

May the world know the peace of Christ, without which society loses its direction and ignores our deep desire for peace.

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

**The local community**

Give grace to us our families and friends and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us. Help us to make our homes patterns of your love, places of mutual trust and forgiveness, places of true sharing and caring, places of deep joy and peace, and unite us all, one to another in the circle of your love. In this season of Advent, we celebrate the first coming of your Son to us in Bethlehem, may we joyfully anticipate the day when Christ will come again. May our Advent season be a preparation for the day when we are taken into the joy of heaven, where waiting will be no more, and all our hopes will be fulfilled. 

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

**Those who Suffer**

Lord our God, we pray for all those in particular need who are weak and vulnerable. We know that you love them and know their every need, far better than we do. We ask that you will do for them as you see best, bless them with your love and peace.  We pray that they will be touched by your gentle tenderness bringing them comfort and strength.

And in our own hearts, in a moment of quiet, we bring to you our concerns for the needs of those we know and love.

**We pray for:**

**The communion of saints**

Lord our God, we remember before you the lives of those who are now with you in your eternal Kingdom and who’s anniversaries fall around this time.

We Pray for those who are missing them, especially at this time as we prepare for Christmas.

**We remember especially:**

Let light perpetually 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 you; blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Lord our God and heavenly Father, we bring our prayers to you, trusting in your great faithfulness and compassion. As we look forward to celebrating once again the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, help us also to look forward to the time of his coming again and to prepare ourselves for that day when your kingdom will at last be established on earth.

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**