Intercession

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Dear Lord, to praise you is to breathe. To give you thanks is to know our hearts beat.

We pray that your Church may continually seek out forgotten corners. Help us to remember that we are members, one of another in the Body of Christ and give us, we pray, an insight into your kingdom and a vision of your purpose. Show us, O God, the bridges between our world and yours, and may your peaceable kingdom be a land we learn how to enter often and know well. Lord of rescue and refuge, of shelter and of strength, when all is turning upside down may we turn to you, our still centre.

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

Lord, when we treat your world as if we ourselves had made it, and ignore your glory in all of creation; when we become weighed down with all the world’s problems that we cease to appreciate the beauty of our planet; and when we lose sight of the goal as we concentrate on the ground in front of our feet,  help us to lift up once more our eyes unto the hills  so that we may play our part in the bringing of your kingdom upon earth.

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

### The local community

Lord, when the concerns of daily life restrict our blinkered vision to our immediate family and household; when we take no part in the life of our wider community, pleading that we are too busy with our own lives; when we are blind to your presence in the eyes of our neighbours. May the needs of our neighbours speak loud to us today, and may we find that in giving, we grow closer to you. And then, link by link and chain by chain, may we so circle the globe with your love that all violent conflict will cease.

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### Those who suffer

Lord, be with all those who mourn today. Those who weep for their own sufferings, and those who weep for the heedless destruction of human life. When we stumble on aimlessly like ships stranded in dense fog, but never realise how truly lost we are, never seeing past the end of our own needs; help us to be more aware of those around us who are having difficulties in their lives which a little kindness from us might ease. We ask you to comfort the lonely, the house-bound and the distressed; and if the hands and feet that are to deliver that comfort are ours, we ask for your help in recognising this.

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### The communion of saints

Your son taught us that life is eternal and that love cannot die. So, death is only a horizon, and a horizon is only the limit of our sight. Open our eyes to see more clearly, and draw us closer to you, so that we may know we are nearer to our loved ones, who are with you. Lord, grant refreshment, light and peace to all those who no longer have need of the bread of this world for they are in communion with you. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace

**And rise to 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.**

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