**Intercessions for July 5th 2020**

Lord, as we emerge from our solitude, help us to come together as a community, steadfast in your love.

The world has changed since we were last together. Help us to listen to our hearts and remember what we have learned in this time. What has mattered to us, made us smile and warmed our hearts, caused us suffering and heartache. What has sustained us. Help us to hold fast to these memories and use them to create better lives.

We pray for the sick and for the dying. We pray for health workers and teachers. We pray for children separated from their schoolfriends and deprived of education, we pray for those living in fear of disease and unemployment. We pray for the bereaved, the frightened, the lonely. We pray for the scientists searching for a vaccine for Covid-19. We pray for wisdom in our leaders, that they too will draw lessons from the past months, and use those lessons to build a gentler, more sustainable world.

We pray for each other, that soon we will be able to hug again. To sit together and to hold hands, to chat without fear that we may be putting ourselves or others in danger. And in the meantime, we pray for continuing courage, patience and kindness. We pray in the knowledge that together we grow stronger.

Lord, bring comfort and healing for all in our community who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. We hold before you those who have recently died or whose anniversary of passing falls at this time. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.