**Intercessions - 8th Sunday after Trinity - 2 August 2020**

**Heavenly Father**, thank you for showing us what you would have us do in our best interests, and for the blessing of the Sabbath. A time of rest and refreshment and communion with our Lord and our neighbour.

Give us strength and grace to worship you in the beauty of holiness, and to share your love, justice, and mercy with those who need it most.

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

Father, set your church on the way of peace and truth, and make it a trustworthy, open gate to your healing and purifying love.

Touch the hearts of all your people gathered here with your beauty and goodness. Make of us a kingdom of priests, holy in your sight; and a family of servants, faithfully doing your will. Make all our words gracious and all our deeds lovely.

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

Thank you for establishing for us a Kingdom that can never be shaken.

During the suffering caused by the current pandemic, may we not forget the needs of those who are displaced and oppressed by war, terror and famine.

Give all leaders the desire and the means to accomplish your will for peace, righteousness, and justice for all people – especially the poor and those devastated by human malice as well as natural disaster.

Help all of us to be true friends and good neighbours to one another.

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

Eternal Father, your mercy is great. Grant healing, hope and strength to everyone who is wounded in body, soul or mind.

You know our needs in this community. Heal the hurts of all those burdened with sickness and suffering. Be with all those who visit the housebound, the hospitalized, and those in need of support and care.

In all their suffering, assure them of your loving presence; and give them all they need to live with thanksgiving and praise.

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

Most holy and gracious Father, receive into your Kingdom our beloved dead. We give thanks for the love that brings life out of death.

Grant to those we see no more the perfect sight of your everlasting glory, and may we share with them the life of heaven.

We particularly remember those known to us who have departed this life:

Rest eternal grant to 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 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.**