**Intercessions for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity 2021**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we ask in faith.

We thank you for the Ministry of your Son, and for the common faith that

binds us all together in the Holy Spirit. We pray for all churches

everywhere, and for all those who serve them, and ask you to help them

both preach and practice your Son’s true Gospel, which commands us to

worship you, and to love all our neighbours. May they nourish and

support their flocks, helping them to become better Christians in the

future. We pray particularly for Sarah our Bishop, for Richard our

Archdeacon, and for our own Ministers David, Paulette and Jane.

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

We pray for the world, for all peoples, and for all your creation. As the politicians gather for yet another conference, and your world continues to burn or drown; as we continue to find excuses to avoid the sacrifices we must make for our children’s future, and as we profess belief in you but worship Mammon in our hearts; help us to mend our evil ways, and to support leaders and governors who are true servants of the people, ones who we follow not because they have wealth or power but because they do not lie to secure advantage, and work for the interests of the poorest not the richest. We pray particularly for all those who have suffered from our acts of aggression overseas, and from our refusal to face up to the consequences of our own actions. Show us how to beat our swords into ploughshares, and to practice the arts of peace rather than war.

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

We pray for our families, friends and community. Help us to continue to protect and support others as we move forward into a different world. As we rejoice in the opening up of human society and the return to some form of normality, remind us that this was an interruption of life not a rebirth, and that what was wrong before COVID is still wrong today. As the politicians push to demolish the physical evidence of the Grenfell Tower tragedy with an expressed concern about safety that they never showed before people burned, we remember those who died and those who survived, and their continuing struggle for worldly and heavenly justice.

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

We ask you Lord to comfort and heal all those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, and give your grace to all those who work for them. Support all those whose loved ones are in distress, and help us to give them strength and comfort.

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

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, and according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

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**