**Intercessions - First Sunday after Trinity – 14th June 2020**

**Eternal Father**, open our eyes to the glory of all your creation, whose beauty is beyond our imagining, and whose power we cannot comprehend. Give us a clearer vision of your presence in and through all things.

Gracious God, thank you that you call some to be apostles, sent out to do your work.  We pray for all who respond ‘Here I am Lord’ when they hear you call.

We pray also for those who have a ministry in their day to day lives of work, family or community; who daily bear witness to the gospel in all that they say or do. For all your holy people, may they triumph over evil and grow in grace.

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

**Heavenly Father**, help us all to be mindful that we are all created equal in your sight and accept our deep regret that there is so much prejudice and inequality still to be found all around us.

When scorn and shame besiege us and hope is veiled in grief, hold us in your wounded hands and make your face shine on us again, for you are our Lord and God.

Help us to use our influence positively within our families and communities to bring peace and joy into all other people’s lives; and to follow our Lord’s example by showing compassion for the harassed and helpless, the marginalised and oppressed.

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

**Loving Father,** draw near to all who suffer in body, mind and spirit, and to all who are still burdened and in pain; may they know your power to heal.

Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and every sickness; healer of all, come to our aid now. Stay by our side throughout this time of uncertainty and sorrow in the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Be with the families and friends of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them too from sickness and despair. May they know and be assured of your peace.

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

**Merciful Father**, we pray for your servants who are now with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, but life everlasting. 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 give you thanks for the love that brings life out of death.

Today we particularly remember and pray for:

**Alexander Kareem**, whose life was tragically brought short at 20 years of age in a shooting last Monday night in the Askew Road, so near to our church and members of our family; and the

**72 Grenfell Tower** victims, on the 3rd anniversary of the fire.

May they all rest in your love and be renewed and restored by your almighty power. And comfort, we pray, those that mourn them and whose lives were forever changed on both these tragic days.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

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