**Intercessions for the Tenth 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 preach and practice your Son’s true Gospel, which commands us both 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 governments continue to waste our resources and lives on useless weapons and pointless wars, wrapping themselves in the flags that they dishonour, help them to acquire some moral courage to stand up to the lies of money and power, and to act as leaders for change rather than facilitators of exploitation. Our rulers falter and our people die; come Lord, in your wrath if it must be, and show us the true path.

**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. Give us hope for the future as you did for the survivors of the Flood; let us see your sign in the sky and work to make things better rather than sinking back into our old ways. Let us always remember that what we have seen as tragedy is still commonplace for a majority of people in the world, who die from hunger, disease and war, and for whom the last eighteen months have been no different from their previous life.

**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**