**INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY, 28th JUNE 2020**

**We come to you to pray in a virtual way, together and yet in our own bubble.**

**Truly hoping that soon enough we will be able to share our spiritual place of worship in person, and with each other to praise your name, and the mystery of the Trinity, at this point in our Lectionary.**

For all the learnings and acts of discipline taken by our congregation, during this period of uncertainty and increased anxiety, we thank you.

Strengthen all who work on our behalf through the HISJ executive, as well as all who work in your name throughout the world. Especially want to ask for prayers for David, Paulette, Jane, plus churchwardens and officers who are maintaining parish business, as well as looking to support our congregation at this time.

We ask not to be afraid, to find joy and encouragement from your commandments, your ability to forgive when we stray, and your message to live, so we can love.

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

Bless and guide all those in authority, and give wisdom to those governing here, and every nation in the ways of justice and peace. We pray for tolerance and a renewed appetite to listen, and not just talk.

This is not a time for empty words and token gestures – we ask to find in ourselves, and with others, the strength to make a positive difference.

Look with mercy O Lord on this world. Disease has impacted the globe, and yet we need to learn lessons for our and the future of our planet, your creation.

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

We pray for the many who have suffered and paid the ultimate price of COVID-19, as well as those who are experiencing illness, short or long term.

To those who are caring first hand in hospitals and homes, those going to work to keep our nation stable and fed, we thank you for empowering their spirit and fortitude.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind and spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles. For those recovering from illness we are grateful, and wish them speed in regaining strength.

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

We keep our Gift a Little donation plea, as part of the Parish fundraising efforts in these times, highlighting further the need to think of our building, even when so many other concerns demanding our attention currently.

Thank you once more for providing the positivity, which many of our church have shown in responding to the latest appeal.

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

Give grace to us, our families and friends and to all our community, that we may look to Christ and live by his teachings.

Our thoughts are with families of those who lost their lives in Reading last w/e.

Father, we pray for those who have lost a special friend or relation recently, and to those members of our families who have passed, and whose anniversary we recall. Let us find solace in the memories and joy they brought us, and our desire for them to be part of the heavenly afterlife.

We especially think of those effected from within our own community of Holy Innocents at this time, when we have been less able to pay our respects as we would have wished.

Rest eternal grant unto 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 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**

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