**INTERCESSIONS FOR 22/08/2021**

Everlasting God we come before you in this time of prayer to give you thanks for all you have done for us. Help us to be aware of your presence and hear your voice and make us always ready to obey and do your will. We pray for the church throughout the world and especially for our church here in Hammersmith

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God we pray for our Parish Church Council. Help and guide us in its decision making especially where difficult financial problems are concerned. We thank you for all those who serve you so diligently; for our Wardens Joe and Robyn, for all who serve on various committees; and for everyone who contributes to the running of services and fund raising events

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God the Psalmist asks you to “cut off the memory of those who do evil”. Help us to focus more on the victims than on the perpetrators and to constantly pray for peace in all of those parts of the world torn apart by war and terrorism. We pray here especially for the people of Afghanistan facing an uncertain future. Give to world leaders and governments the wisdom and desire to make the right decisions and to work together for the good of all.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God we thank you for our family, friends and neighbours and for those around us with whom we work and share our daily lives. Give us a true awareness that we all share your world with others and help us to make our homes welcoming places that reflect our Christian beliefs.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Mighty God be close to all who are frightened because they are ill. Reassure them that because of the knowledge that you have given to modern medicine that so many diseases can now be cured. We call to mind in silence and before you now all those who we know are in need of healing at this time.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God we remember and thank you for the lives and example of those who have died in the faith of Christ and for the privilege of sharing our lives with them. Be with those who mourn especially the people of Haiti and open their minds that they may find hope and the will to carry on despite the heaviness of heart they are now experiencing.

Rest eternal grant unto them Oh 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 art thou among 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.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Innocents, St John the Evangelist and all your saints we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

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