**Intercessions for August 16th 2020. Tenth Sunday after Trinity.**

Holy Father, grant us pardon and peace, cleanse us from all sin, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in peace and life eternal; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bless, O Lord, your church with the grace to proclaim your saving power, that we may lead people from captivity of fear and darkness into your light. Forgive us our sins and divisions, lead us to a new unity and harmony. We pray for our church here at Holy Innocents; for Father David, Paulette and Jane, and we ask for your blessings on all who belong to this church. Lord, make us a holy church, a healing church, a hospitable church. We pray for all who lead others to you through writing, art or music. We pray for the hard-hearted and the insensitive.

*Lord have mercy. Hear our prayer.*

We pray for fair dealing and justice in our world. We pray that artificial barriers between peoples and nations may come down. We pray that everyone will be treated fairly, regardless of race, colour or creed. We pray for all who are swamped by poverty or hunger, for all who are battered by wave after wave of oppression and violence. For those who have no freedom, for all who are sinking beneath a load of care and anxiety.

*Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

We give thanks for all who have supported us in times of trouble or distress. We pray for friends who are in need at this time. We pray that we will not be a burden to any, but a strength. We remember all who are finding caring for their home overwhelming. We pray for our homes and our loved ones. We pray for homes where there is no faith, or where there is no love.

*Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

We pray for people who live in areas where land or resources are exhausted. We remember before you all who are weary and worn or too tired to enjoy life. We pray for friends and loved ones who are in trouble or who are ill.

*Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

Lord we give thanks that you renew, refresh and restore us; we pray for all who have passed through the shadow of death and entered life and light everlasting.

*Heavenly Father, accept these prayers for the sake of our son, your saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*