

## Prayers for Sunday – 25 October 2020 – and Following Week (Year A)

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ we pray to the Father.

Lord in your mercy           **Hear our prayer**

Blessed Father, you gave us the cornerstone for our lives and our faith. As we feel your presence, we rejoice in our worship, praise, music and prayer. We remember in our prayers all who seek to show us how to care for the world and we ask you to give courage to your followers who reach out to those in need.

We pray for all who seek to build up your Church in love so that it has a living relationship with Christ. We ask for your blessing on our Benefice and Deanery.

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Gracious Father, we pray for the world poor, the oppressed and all who are suffering from violence. We remember in our prayers all who are refugees and have been driven from their own land. We ask for your blessing upon the leaders of peoples and all who influence our lives by their decisions. We ask that you will grant them wisdom in all their dealings.

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Gentle Father, we give thanks for our homes, our families and loved ones. We pray today for the children of the world. We ask for your blessing upon all young people, particularly those who are suffering from persecution or rejection, and we pray that they will be taught the faith and learn to love you.

We remember at this time all those who are suffering from the corona virus, in particular we pray for Hazel's son Fraser Croft. We pray that you will guide and help us to deal with this invisible threat to your people. We remember too all those who are ill or distressed in any way. We ask that you will grant them relief from pain and anxiety and give them the hope of recovery. We remember specially Valerie Smith who is recovering from surgery together with any others known to us personally.

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Loving Father, we give thanks for the lives of those recently departed from this earthly life remembering in particular Valerie Sutton. We commit them to you and we pray that they will rejoice in the fullness of your kingdom. We ask you to bless those who mourn – particularly Valerie's husband Ted together with her brother and nephew - and we pray that you will comfort them and grant to them the consolation that only you can provide. As we approach All Souls Day, we pray for all who have lost loved ones.

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Almighty Father, you have called us to know you and proclaim your love. We ask you to help us to be aware that you speak to us through the scriptures. We pray that you will guide us as we face what lies ahead, as we try to keep your commandments and to follow the example of your Son. We ask that you will help us to show your love to each other at all times.

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