

Prayers for 2nd May 2021 – and Following Week (Year B)

Let us pray. In the power of the spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Blessed Father, we ask your blessing on all nations and peoples and pray for their leaders. We ask for your guidance in the decisions that they make concerning the well-being of the world and the communities they serve. We remember especially at this time India and its people as they try to control the corona virus. We remember before you all who strive for justice and peace in our world. We pray that all your peoples will perceive the love that you have for all in your creation.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father, we ask that you will give to your Church a bond of fellowship so that all denominations can work together in the tasks that you have set. We pray that, as your disciples, we shall love one another, giving hope to those who seek you out and assurance to those with faith, knowing as we do that you are the way, the truth and the life.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Almighty Father, we give thanks for all who have taught us and guided us into the ways of truth, those who have shared with us their faith and their vision of life. We pray for our own homes and our loved ones and ask that our homes may show always your abiding presence and love.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Beloved Father, we give thanks for our Rector Sue and for all she does for our Church and Benefice. We ask you to hold her in your gentle care.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We remember all those who are ill and anxious about what the future holds for them. We remember in our prayers Madeline, Mark, Tony, David, Dawn, Leanne and Emily. We pray that they will sense your presence through the compassion of Christ and that He will bring them hope and, if it is your will, healing.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Loving Father, we remember those who have died recently. Andy Gee, Baby Grace, Richard Stopford, Leslie Williams and Vic and his wife. We believe that they are now at peace with you. We remember their families and pray that those who grieve will know that their loved ones are in the fullness of joy in your presence.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, you have fulfilled all that the prophets promised through your Son, the light of the world. We pray that we can be part of your plans for building your kingdom here on earth by proclaiming the good news. Blessed Lord, you are our Maker, our Saviour and our Guide. We pray that we shall be mindful at all times of your presence amongst us, of your power and of your love, always remembering that wherever we go and whatever happens, you are with us and ready to lead us.

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