

## Intercessions 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (prepared by Bashie Bains)

Dear Lord Jesus Christ we enter your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise and we say 'this is the day that the Lord has made'! Yes, we will rejoice and, we will be glad in it!

Lord a thousand thanksgivings may we bring to you, for new every day are your mercies and Your grace. Daily, Lord do you load us with Your rich blessings.

So today, we humbly bring to you our heartfelt thanks; for this is your will in Christ Jesus concerning us; that we may 'give thanks in all things'.

Thank you for your church, your body on earth that brings Your light, Your life and, Your hope to all who are in need. You are still seeking to save the lost; to heal the wounded, to bind up the broken hearted, to give hope to the hopeless and to reassure all who are gripped by fear.

Thank You, that You remain faithful even when we are faithless. Lord, You promise to supply all our needs and so we turn to You and ask that you would strengthen and renew our faith in You. For You are our great Shepherd and we confess that 'The Lord is my shepherd I shall not be in want'. Thank You for 'your perfect love' which casts out 'all our doubts and fears'; so now afresh, in thee do we place our trust.

Thank you that you are the 'Good Shepherd' and that though you may have the ninety-nine sheep safe in the fold you will not be satisfied until you have that hundredth one.

Thank you Lord you are moved with compassion and have heard the cry of the nations in this time of great suffering and loss. Lord comfort all who mourn the loss of loved ones due to the Corona Virus.

We pray that there are many more that are being saved than that have been lost and, that the grip of the Corona Virus ceases to have power and that this pandemic ends abruptly.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

Lord we thank you for this great gift of prayer and intercession and as we look forward to Pentecost we think of 'Thy Kingdom Come Prayer' initiative in over 100 countries.

Lord will you by your Holy Spirit come and ignite the prayers of your saints and usher in Your kingdom plans as we pray 'thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven'.

Then too we pray, for the upcoming 'Open Heaven' prayer initiative that we may all take up the roll call and pray for each of the families, their homes and their businesses as we walk our streets and pray for our city.

Help us Lord to turn back to you in repentance and prayer as we ask you to heal our land and bring and restoration.

Lord will you start here in our very neighbourhood and then go into the wider city, the rest of the UK and, the whole world.

Lord let there truly be an 'Open Heaven' that transforms our world as we turn and pray and seek You anew.

Lord In Your Mercy Hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for the work of CARE; Christian Action Research and Education that it will continue to be a voice for truth in the public square.

We pray for our government and our Queen, that by Your Holy Spirit, wisdom, will be granted to all those who rule over us in this hour.

Lord let Your great and good plans be unveiled and may you bring unity across the United Kingdom that together with a steadfast heart and mind we may rise anew strengthened and transformed in an un-recognisable equalled society where all are loved, valued, respected and provided for.

Lord in Your Mercy Hear our prayer.

In the Anglican Communion we give thanks for the Anglican Diocese of Seychelles, and we thank you for the progress it has made towards achieving the national Sustainable Development Goals.

In our diocese we pray for farms growing cereal crops, that there may be rain to swell the grain and sun to ripen it. May the harvest be safely gathered in and stored. Lord save many businesses and let them not fail to survive the impact of this pandemic.

In our parish we pray for all who live in Ainsbury Road and Albany Road and for the residents and staff of Herald Lodge.

In our CTEC Prayer Cycle we pray for the members of Hearsall Baptist Church and their pastor, Rev'd David Sutcliffe.

Lord in Your Mercy Hear our prayer.

Lord we lift all those who amongst us and in need of your healing touch we pray that you will be to them all that they need and pray especially for: Stephanie Cotton, Mary Owen, Gwyn Morgan, Wena Hughes and Ben Spriggs.

Lord we pray that you will touch each one of us and make us whole mind, body and soul.

Lord we ask you to comfort all those who mourn the families and friends at the loss of their loved ones. We pray you will help all who are grieving for the loss of George Elvin, Tony Harper and Beryl Elkington. We recognise the extremely challenging restrictions on funerals and trust You will bless them all and minister your grace to them.

In Annual Remembrance we name Reginald Walker, Joyce Daly, Nellie Kaye, Leslie Benger and Norma Johnson. Lord may your grace abound in the void their precious lives have left.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.