

## **Intercessions – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 (prepared by Keith Wright)**

Loving God, we pray today for our churches as they re-open for public worship. We give thanks for everybody who is making this possible and pray that we all continue to be vigilant and obey the rules so that we are kept safe and well.

As we now acknowledge, the virus has shown us how we are connected to the whole world and are inter-dependent on each other and we pray that we will treat everyone with respect and care and that we are rightly angry when we see the disadvantaged, the poor, the marginalised. We pray that your Holy Spirit will be with us to strengthen our faith and to give us the courage to want to change things for the better for ourselves and for our and brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Christian Church in Sri Lanka, at times the target of hostility and violence. We pray also for understanding and goodwill towards Sri Lanka's Muslim community, which is often stigmatised and targeted.

We pray for the people of Hong Kong as they seek their true identity and greater security; we pray for those charged with governance of that region.

We pray Lord for your creation; we pray for the biodiversity of the earth and for it's part in protecting us; we pray for it's resources which are rapidly becoming exhausted and we give thanks for our enjoyment of a cleaner, quieter, greener environment in the last 3 months and pray that we work toward a healthier planet for all our sakes.

In our diocese at the start of Plastic Free July we pray that many people will become part of the solution to plastic pollution and refuse to use single use plastic, so that we can have cleaner and healthier towns, cities, countryside and oceans.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord a month ago Bishop John had a conversation with a black American priest working in our diocese which he put on a video. Lord we pray that many people will watch that video and question their own view on racism. Lord we pray that we as a church become aware of what it means to be a victim of racism so that we are better equipped to help change attitudes. Lord help us we pray.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In our parish we pray for all who live in Clarendon Street & Dorney Close 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.

We pray for the businesses in Earlsdon which reopened yesterday and pray that we as customers are patient and supportive of their efforts and help them to work in different ways.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as He loves us.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit...

We name from our own church family Gwyn Morgan, Wena Hughes, Marion Arkell, Ruby Brown and Stephanie Cotton.

May your light shine in their lives and your love surround them in their times of troubles.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ including Sylvia Bloomfield, whose funeral is next week.

In Annual Remembrance we thank you for the lives of William Montgomery, Arthur Barker, Elsie Blythe, Greta Salmon, John Hollyoak, Robert Pittaway, Irene Brice, Matthew Ross Metcalf and Jake Donaldson.

...according to your promises, grant us with them, a share in your eternal kingdom.

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.