

Intercessions 1st April 2020

Lord, we pray this morning for all peoples of a world distorted by sickness. We bring before you all those who are ill and pray for their speedy recovery. Give them comfort, courage and hope in their suffering. We pray for all those who are anxious about loved ones and who are caring for them.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who care for the sick: for our doctors and nurses and our NHS workers. Give them the health, strength, fortitude and resilience needed to carry out their vital work. We pray for all those who have to make decisions about the welfare of others that those decisions might be the right ones.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We bring before you, Lord, all those who are feeling lonely, isolated and afraid and ask that you comfort them in their distress, knowing that they are never truly alone as You are always with them.

Fear is a great enemy to the life that you have given us and we pray that we may put our trust in you and be brave enough to face any challenges.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all families at this time, especially for those from whom we are separated and with whom cannot meet. We pray also for those for whom being enclosed together brings strains to relationships and for those who may be victims of domestic violence. Bless our children that their vitality and love of life may be a comfort and inspiration to us.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer,

Let us also remember that we have a lot, Lord, to thank you for. We thank you for the community spirit shown by so many people and their willingness to help others, particularly those who are vulnerable. We daily witness unselfish acts of kindness and pray that they may continue. We thank you Lord for all those blessings which we still have to help us through difficult times: for our gardens and the natural world; for our books; for our music and for our crafts and hobbies. May we appreciate the small things which support our mental and emotional welfare.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for the health and wellbeing of all those dear to us. We thank you for the love shown by our Lord, Jesus Christ and put our faith and trust in Him for a time full of renewed hope. We know that if we keep faith, we will come through this difficult time with your help and we set our vision on the rainbow promise of the future.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen