



Intercessions

27th October 2024

The Last Sunday after Trinity –

Bible Sunday

Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.

Amen.



Intercessions for this Sunday received with thanks
from Bruce Braithwaite

Lord God, our eternal father and creator of this world, we meet this morning to praise you and to seek your guidance for our lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters all around the world.

You chose Abram as the father of your select people and gave him and his descendants the promised land to inherit and enjoy for all time. Now his descendants are divided into many factions and the promised land is a scene of fighting and destruction. We pray for all those who are suffering in that land, being killed and injured in enormous numbers, their homes destroyed, without access to food and clean water, deprived of medicines and not knowing where to find safety.

Each day we are informed of more hatred and destruction in every continent around the world and it seems in almost every country. We pray for all those who are seeking to bring peace and safety to this world. In particular we bring before you those who have gone out to spread the good news of your salvation and to refocus people's lives, providing sustenance and medical help. We ask that you will teach us your ways and that we may walk in your paths, replacing our weapons of war with items for everyday use. We ask that nation shall not lift up sword against nation and neither shall they learn war anymore.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray Lord for this earth which you made so very good and that we might not continue to make it so very bad. There are famines and earthquakes in many places, flooding, droughts on scales that have not been known before. We seem incapable of caring for this world and for our brothers and sisters, for our neighbours, as ourselves. Help us to give and not to count the cost, to love and not to expect kindness in return.

Help us to recognise those who are struggling emotionally, spiritually and economically. Enable us to be alongside them, to help, to comfort and to console them, and, if possible, to guide them to a stronger and safer position. As we celebrate All Souls day we ask you to comfort those who are mourning the loss of friends and loved ones in the past year and in recent days Lena Roberts and Chris Cruyton.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are suffering from health problems; we think of those in care homes like Peggy Jackson and Malcolm Smith; Margaret Alebon, Janet Davey and Judith Norton who have not been able to join us in church for some time and for Tony Roberts and Ken Croxton and their families in their mourning. There are others known to each of us and those who have chosen not to share their difficulties and challenges. We ask that they may know your comfort and know that we are here to share your love and to support them.

We pray for those who were confirmed last week and ask that they may find a new and deeper relationship with you. We pray for each other that we may come to know you more closely each day and that we may experience you guiding our lives and filling us with the confidence and determination to show your love in all that we do.

Merciful Father,

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

Amen
