

Eccleshall Parish

Intercessions

19th March 2023

Mothering 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 Barbara Dodd:

Lord our God, today, on Mothering Sunday, we give thanks for our mother churches where we were encouraged and developed on our faith journey. We pray for our Diocese of Lichfield and for all who work to spread the good news of the gospel. We ask for your blessing on us all and on our individual ministries. As the body of Christ in this place, help us to care for each other but also to look out into the community with care and compassion for everyone.

Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

Merciful God, we pray for a world in conflict. We remember the peoples of the many lands where there is suffering and turmoil. We pray for peace: peace between nations, peace in diverse communities, peace within families. We think of those who lack food, clean water, adequate shelter, medical help: all those things which we take for granted. Keep us ever mindful of their needs and make us more willing to share resources.

Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

Loving God, we pray for the mothers in our communities. We remember that today is a reminder of the different ways people can mother or be mothered. We ask you to comfort and support those for whom this is a difficult day.

Be with those who are grieving the loss of their mother.

Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children.

Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.

Be with those who are estranged or separated from their children.

Be close to those who are finding it difficult to support and protect their children due to a lack of resources, or conflict, or illness.

Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. In a moment of silence, we remember those who are on our mind this morning. May they be comforted by your presence and aware of your enfolding love.

Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

May your blessing be on each one of us and on our journeys through Lent.

May your blessing and protection be on our churches and communities.

May your blessing keep us in safety, in unity and in peace.

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