

Intercessionary Prayers. St Edmund's Allestree.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020 – Patrick Smith

Dear Lord God,

At this time of unprecedented world disruption, illness and devastating loss of life due to the corona virus, we ask for your help and intervention. Give strength to all those who are involved not only in patient care, but all those who support the medical systems, and those who supply the goods and services so that they can function efficiently. Lord in Your Mercy - - -

Give insight and wisdom to all the scientists and staff who work diligently to develop a vaccine and medicines that alleviate the distress and cure those who become ill. Give comfort Dear God to the relatives and friends who have lost loved ones as a consequence of this pandemic. Lord in Your Mercy - - -

Give insight and wisdom also Lord God to those in authority around the world that in meeting this illness in a co-operative manner with other nations, see the sense of mutual understanding and the spirit of assistance in helping to deal with other problems the world faces, such as pollution of air and sea, climate control and population. Lord in Your Mercy - - -

Dear Father God we ask for your assistance also for this country. Give insight and compassion to all those in positions of influence to help put this country on a firm and optimistic footing for the future. In financial matters, in employment, care of the sick, the vulnerable the lonely and the aged. Lord in Your Mercy - - -

We also ask Dear God for Your help in this country to alleviate the problems that beset children and young people. The disruption of education in the young who are not at school, of those facing difficulties in securing further education for themselves and for those seeking employment in a country where positions are reduced or have disappeared due to company failure. Lord in Your Mercy - - -

Dear God, Our thoughts now turn to our twin parishes of St. Matthew's and here in St. Edmund's. We give you thanks for your help in protecting and guiding us. For the support and assistance that has gone ahead quietly during this pandemic. For the help and assistance of Peter and Julie and many, many other church members. We celebrate the fact that the painting of the church ceiling has proceeded and is now complete. Lord in Your Mercy - - -

Lord God, As is our custom we ask for your help in giving health and strength to those known to us who are ill and for others known to church members. For so many friends who are unwell, and those who have been in our prayers for many months. Lord in Your Mercy -

We remember those who have gone before us to Your Heavenly Kingdom. For those we remembered by name at the beginning of this service, friends and family members we will never forget. Lord in Your Mercy - - -

Finally Lord God we ask you to be near us today and in the following weeks. And we pray for those who would love to be here and worship today, but feel unable to. Bless us, protect us and help us to work diligently to bring Your Kingdom just a little closer.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of Your son Jesus Christ.