

Prayers for 23rd January 2022

Father God, we pray for our church family, our ministry team and all who serve you. Guide us all... as we seek to embrace your Holy Spirit, and plan for our future ministry and service with you.

We pray for all those who volunteer towards church life and worship. Those who dedicate their time and talents, and we pray that all we do, and all we say, may draw people to come to know, love and serve you as “one body” in Christ Jesus.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant. We thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people and have kept her devoted in this service beyond all who were before her. Encourage us, by her example to serve faithfully and continue our devotion to you.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

Father God we pray for all those working in education, and all those on their educational journeys. Strengthen and guide them as they seek a way forward to continue learning safely and experiencing joy in achieving their future goals.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, we thank you for all the medical and emergency teams. The long fight against covid has taken its toll on many. Bless them with love and resilience to continue to serve all those who still need their care and expertise.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

Lord God, we pray for those in care homes, day centres and for carers who look after family and friends in their own homes. We thank you for the many organisations and charities, who continue... despite cutbacks, to provide support to those in desperate need.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we pray for our global community and the problems faced by so many of your people. We pray for those who constantly live with the fear of war, hatred and poverty. Govern the hearts and minds of all the world leaders to act honestly, to seek change and serve those who are disadvantaged and weak.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

Lord God, remind us...that even though things are not how we want them to be in the world, Jesus's teachings are "living" messages about the good news. Hope is extended to those who accept his teaching, his healing and love will set the burdened free. Encourage us to do the same and offer

what we can, to bring joy and ease the burdens of others in these tough times.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

We pray for your blessing Lord, on communities around the world who offer hospitality to refugees, for those seeking asylum and for those forced to separate from families and loved ones to find sanctuary.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

God of love and life, encourage us to live in a more sustainable manner. Help us to look after this precious planet we call home. We pray for those displaced by the effects of natural disaster and for the continuing devastation due to climate change. Help us to reverse the damage we have done, so mother earth can recover, so we protect all who share our global community.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

Father God, we pray for all those who suffer physically with illness, or mentally with depression and anxiety. Today we keep in our thoughts....(names). We also continue to pray for...(names). We ask for your comfort, reassurance and warmth of your love to heal them.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

Lord, we give thanks for the lives of those who have died, and today we remember...(names). We pray for all those saddened by the death of a loved one, either recently or remembering their anniversary. Be with them in their time of sorrow and help them through their grief.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

Faithful God, as we go out into the world, we pray that we may reflect your love into our families, our church and our community. Help us to administer to others in the strength of your Holy Spirit, to work together. May we shine your light into the darkness and remain steadfast and true to you.

Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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