

PRAYERS 26TH APRIL 2020

Our Father in Heaven

Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of a natural world filled with beauty, open our eyes to see those gifts and to rejoice in them.

And you have called us, as your children, to a heaven in which all tears will be wiped from our eyes; with no more death, or mourning or crying or pain

We pray that in our rejoicing, you will help us to respond in our lives, so that in what we say and do in this world, we honour your creation and never lose vision of your world to come.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom Come

Father God, Lord and Saviour, Holy Spirit thank you for the blessing of knowing you, and of knowing that you know each of us by name. Thank you for the love you have shown each of us.

Help us to be holy; help us to show your love in all we do.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

Eternal God we pray that you will guide and inspire the leaders of the nations of the world to make the world in which we live more like your Kingdom.

We pray that they may seek to establish righteousness and peace, justice and freedom, opportunity and equality, truth and honesty and be worthy of the responsibilities they hold.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Give us this day our daily bread

O God, Father of all mankind, we pray for those who have lost their homes and live as refugees. Bless all those who work for their relief and future security.

We pray for those fleeing their homelands looking for a better future and for those they leave behind, mourning their disappearance or loss.

We pray for peace in the world.

Show us Lord, what we can do change our world so that people do not become that desperate as to see such risks as their only future.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us

Almighty and everlasting God, we pray that you forgive us for our neglect of loving you and of loving our neighbour.

Help us to seek your will in all we do and so make us equal to our responsibilities to the wider world.

Help us to respect and maintain the freedoms we have and to extend them to those who remain the victims of discrimination.

Help us to use the positions and influence that you have given to us to exercise that power justly and to be generous in the protection of the weak.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Lead us not into temptation

Almighty Father we pray that we will be enabled to continue to bear faithful witness to your Gospel.

Through the support of our brothers and sisters in Christ, strengthen us in our lives to overcome isolation, loneliness, fear for ourselves and those we love, and all the challenges of our current circumstances. Help us not to be tempted to lose our trust in you or to lose sight of the blessings we have enjoyed and that we enjoy now.

We pray for those called to minister to us; to Charles and Simon and Gill and all who give of themselves to contribute to our mission.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

deliver us from evil

Almighty God, life and health are gifts from you.

As we face the Coronavirus pandemic, we pray for those who maintain our lives in these times; those working in our health services, those caring for others, those

whose work is continuing to make our lives possible, those we have learned to acknowledge as being key to each of us. Strengthen and be with them all, deliver them safely in what they do – and deliver us from this time.

We pray for those known to us who are sick.

In our community we pray for:

Zachary Sayers, Karen Wade, Findley Lamont, Sheila Marsh, Penny Havercroft, David Johnston, Daisy Lambert, Izzy Jones, and Michelle Woodmore

You know the needs of your children; look with compassion on those for whom our prayers are offered; give them courage and confidence and bless those who minister to them.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

And we pray for those who have recently lost a loved one.

We pray especially for those who mourn the loss of

Keith Hopes, Neil Robotham, Emma Gilchrist, Steve Cook, Gemma West, Royce Tyler, and Michael Wadham

Grant, O Lord to all who are bereaved, the spirit of faith and courage; the strength to face the days to come with steadfastness and patience; the thankful remembrance of good times past and trust in your presence with them in the future.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory

Almighty God, who has given us the gift of grace through Jesus Christ:

We pray that we may patiently endure the darkness of this world,

Fill us with your Holy Spirit,

that we might grow in the knowledge of his truth,

that we might be enriched in the Christian life,

that we might be inspired to declare that truth to others,

that we might bear witness to Christ in our lives.

Merciful father: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen