

Prayers for 21 June 2020

1. WELCOME & THANKS

Heavenly Father – Creator of all things and Lord of all. Author of concord and lover of peace, we thank you for enabling us to gather together to bring these our supplications to you in the name of your dear son, Jesus Christ.

Responses

**As we are gathered we ask this in Jesus name
Hear our prayer**

1. OUR WORLD AT HOME AND ABROAD

Heavenly Father we thank you for continuing to ease the burden of the deadly virus COVID 19 on us as we gradually return to normal life. We pray now that you will prevent it from spreading in Latin America, South Asia and the Middle East, especially in the refugee camps which are unable to cope.

We also pray that we may avoid the threat of a second wave that could be more destructive than the first.

We give thanks for the discovery of the steroid that will help to treat the seriously ill and pray also that a vaccine may be developed that will be effective in protecting us.

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2. RACIAL TENSION

Heavenly father, the world is in turmoil following the slaying of your children in America. We pray that the BLM that has grown as a consequence of it will lead to positive change and not polarise people into conflict. Show us that ALL Lives Matter to you and that we are all brothers and sisters within your family.

3. OUR FAMILIES

Lord Jesus. Bless our families and bind us together in love. Send your spirit to work among those whose relationships have broken down or are under stress, especially at this time of lockdown and isolation. Help those who are suffering from financial hardship arising from lockdown

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4. THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

Heavenly Father, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled. Today we pray for:

Zacharay Sayers, Karen Wade, Penny Havercroft, David Johnston, Izzy Jones, Michelle Woodmore, Peggy Grant, Michael Vickars, William Campbell, Brenda Wood, Samuel Lung, Sarah Osborn, Richard Pilbeam, Sharon Pilbeam, Deryck Flashman, Joan Graham and all those who are known to us but not listed here.

Please bless all those who care for them. Give them the strength to persevere and keep them safe. We give thanks especially for the front line health workers who have placed themselves and continue to do so at great risk for our benefit.

We give thanks for those, who in your mercy you have healed and returned to us.

For those who must leave us – please grant them peace and dignity and we pray that you will reach down and comfort those that they leave behind. We pray especially for the families and friends of those who are known to us and in particular:

Tony Johnston, Gemma West, Michael Wadham, Elizabeth Wright, Royce Tyler, Don MacDonald, Dot Burgin, Deborah O’Hara, Clare Welstead, Elizabeth Pepper, Margaret Taylor and Anthony Hartnoll.

We pray that you have prepared a place at your table for them and have already welcomed them into your presence.

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5. OURSELVES

Heavenly Father, through your dear Son you have promised us the Spirit of truth - another Counsellor - to be with us forever. Help us to be worthy.

6. THANKS

Heavenly Father - It is such a privilege for us to be able to carry everything to you in prayer. We know that all that is good comes from you alone. We thank you for all the blessings that we have received. Help us to be worthy of them.

We thank you bringing us here today and for listening to us.

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