

Prayers for 12 July

Let us pray for the Church and for the World and let us thank God for his goodness.

Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ, to hear us when we pray in faith.

We pray for your Church today, gathering all around the world in tiny churches and great cathedrals, and remotely over the internet, to praise you, to hear your Holy word and to learn. Give us a sense of expectation as we come and inspiration as we go. Help us to put our differences behind us and to unite instead behind the great commission of Jesus, to make disciples of all nations.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for a world which struggles to live justly and in peace. We pray for those who must search for daily food or walk long distances for clean water. We remember with sadness those whose lives are cut short by disease or violence, and those who have fled their homes in fear. We pray for those who meet persecution and torture with courage and dignity. May your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as it is in the heavenly places.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for those who sustain us by their love and forgiveness. Thank you for the network of people with whom our lives are inextricably linked and who make up the fabric of our family and community life. Make us alert to each other's needs and quick to serve and encourage one another. May our gentleness with each other reflect your gentleness with us.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be. We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them. We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments.

Lord in your Mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are laid low with suffering and those who are in physical or mental pain. We pray for all whose lives have been changed forever by recent events and are grappling with the impact this will have on their future lives. We trust your love for us and for all people, and your deep desire for our well being. As we name in our hearts those who are in the grip of suffering, help us so to pray and to act that they may know your comfort and healing, both now and in the coming days. We pray particularly for

Zachary Sayers

Karen Wade

Penny Havercroft

David Johnston

Michelle Woodmore

Michael Vickars

William Campbell

Samuel Lung

Sarah Osborne

Izzy Jones

Richard Pilbeam

Sharon Pilbeam

Deryck Flashman

Joan Graham

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for those people who have given us the examples and models by which we try to live. We thank you for those who have lived and died in quiet holiness and whose prayers have helped sustain the world. We pray particularly for the families and friends of

Tony Johnson,

Dot Burgin,

Clare Welstead,

Elizabeth Wright,

Margaret Taylor,

Mark Wade,

Anthony Hartnoll,

Peggy Grant,

Don MacDonald

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we thank you for the assurance you give us,
That whatever we face you will be with us.
Teach us to live each day in the light of that truth,
And so, to live always as your disciple,
To the glory of your name.

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