

## Prayers for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

We are all invited to God's wedding banquet. In accepting, we must allow the rags of our old life to be exchanged for the freely given robes of holiness and right living.

Invited by God we are gathered here and virtually by the wonders of the Internet to pray for the Church and for the world.

Father, when either the traditional or the progressive blinds us to the truth of your will, clear our vision and speak through our prejudices until we are once again open to your changing. May I discern your touch upon my life and go where You want me to go. May we be, before anything else, your people, sharing your concerns and desires.

As you have called us: Lord we come

Father, we recognise how powerful the influences are in the world which distract many and lead away from your truth. We are sorry if we have failed you and pray for a quiet whisper of your wisdom to help us keep in step with you and to help others come to know you. Help us to understand that in Your presence we are changed into your likeness so emerge from every prayer time more alive to you and more alive to others.

As you have called us: Lord we come

Father, may our homes and daily schedules be part of your kingdom, where it is your will which guides and your love that rules. We pray for our church family and thank you Lord for all the young people who are coming to know you.

As you have called us: Lord we come

Father, our hearts rail against the cruelty of suffering and disease and we come now alongside all those in pain. We pray that you will comfort them and that

they will know that you stand beside them and know the healing power of your love. We pray especially for

Zachary Sayers, Karen Wade, Michael Vickars, Sarah Osborne, Deryck Flashman, Karin Vallis, Trevor Moncrieff, Pauline Pinchham, Kay Phipps, Richard Pilbeam and Kireet Parmar and all their families.

As you have called us: Lord we come

Father, as death takes from us those we love and we find it hard to live without them, take from us all bitterness of heart and let us share with them the peace you give over which death has no power at all. We remember especially those who mourn the loss of Simon Woodmore whose funeral is this Wednesday, and those who mourn Peter Smith, Colin Davy, Rosemary Moncrieff, Mamie Dineen, Lily Bowler and Clive Byfield.

As you have called us: Lord we come

Father, it is such an honour to be invited to your banquet. Make us worthy of our calling.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen.