

Prayers 29th November 2020

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus, bringing before him the needs of the Church and the world.

Come, Lord Jesus to our present suffering, as saviour and comforter

In these times of isolation, apart from loved ones, distant from friends, away from neighbours; thank you that there is nothing in all of creation, not even coronavirus, that is able to separate us from your love.

We pray for all who are suffering from the virus, ill at home or in hospital. We pray for all whose health is suffering from loneliness, or from the anxieties of economic hardship, job loss and insecurity.

We pray for those called to provide medical care, and those who maintain the essentials of our society, those we have now learned to call key workers.

We pray for the success of the vaccines being developed and for those who will have responsibility to distribute and administer them.

We pray for the restoration of our lives, such that we may return to the economic activity necessary to support employment.

Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come, Lord Jesus to your church as Lord and judge

Give us a sense of expectation and inspiration.

Help us to put aside our differences and to unite behind the great commission of Jesus to make disciples of all nations and all people.

We pray for your blessing on all those who preach, and teach the message of your salvation and we pray especially for Charles, and Gill as they guide us through our spiritual and worldly journeys.

We pray for our PCC as it meets on Tuesday – and ask you to guide its discussions and decisions according to your will.

We pray for all who give of their time and talents to carry forward the work of Christian witness in this place. Guide us to be the servants to our community that you want us to be.

Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

Come, Lord Jesus to your world. As King of the Nations

Drive away despair from our politics, revive our dreams of justice and truth, restore our passion for what is good and right.

We pray for America as it prepares for a change in presidency

We pray that justice and peace will be established in areas of the world where there is conflict, extreme poverty and abuse of minorities,

We ask you to govern the hearts and minds of those who lead the nations of the world, and for those in authority that they may act justly, with honesty and integrity according to your will.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

Come, Lord Jesus to own community

In our daily life, help us never to forget to love others, as you love us.

May love motivate our care for our neighbours, may love heal the social ills, which sometimes drag us into despair. May love inspire our citizenship.

And may we always remember that we are members one of another and that we can never live to ourselves alone.

Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

Come, Lord Jesus as shepherd and guardian of our souls

We pray for the homeless, the refugees the expelled and forgotten people everywhere.

We remember especially all those involved in the work of Mercy Ships, whose work we heard of this week, and whose work we support as they seek to make a difference for the men and women they serve. May they know that your guiding hand is with them.

We ask you to help us all to use our gifts and our talents to the greater good of all, challenge us to drive away complacency and apathy when we know in our hearts that we can do more to help and sustain those in need.

We pray for others for whom this day will seem long and hard, for those in hospital or ill at home, those struggling with despair or depression, those seeking work, and for those for whom this day will be their last. Comfort and heal all who suffer, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We bring before you:

Zachary Sayers, Karen Wade, Michael Vickars, Deryck Flashman, Kireet Parmar and family, Trevor Moncrieff, Jennifer Hann,

Pauline Pinchham, Richard Pilbeam, Karin Vallis, Angela Fox,

Ron Bowler and Harry Waller

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have already gone before us.

We remember:

Simon Woodmore, Charles Bryant and Les Turner

You turn our darkness into light in your light shall we see light.

O God, who brought us to birth and in whose arms we die, in the grief and shock faced by those who mourn contain and comfort them; embrace them with your love, give hope in confusion and grace to let go into new life

Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people,
who trust in your love.

By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.