

## Intercessions – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – 13/12/2020

Let us pray now to the living God, who always keeps His promises, and who knows us so well.

Holy Lord, you come to us, you inspire us, you enable us; grant that we may proclaim your loving presence and show your saving power. Let your church be seen to be working for justice and righteousness, for liberty and peace; Lord, that we may live at peace and oppress no one. Make us instruments of your peace within our communities and within our homes.

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We remember before you all who are seeking freedom: we pray for nations burdened with great debt, for families who have lost their homes through conflict, disaster or loss of income. We pray for peoples denied justice, for all who are suffering from violence or tyranny. May there be integrity in the leadership of nations; mercy and justice for rich and poor, strong and weak and respect for all. We pray especially for wisdom and justice in decisions about Covid-19 throughout the world, for consideration of all peoples in Brexit negotiations, a growing unity and acceptance of differing opinions in the USA.

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Lord, teach us to appreciate what we have and to be aware of all that is done for us. We all fall short; we all have plenty. Let us not take each other for granted. As the family of believers, we pray for those around us now and their needs; for the families we represent, and their needs. Let us hold fast to all that is good and may the love of Christ be shown in what we do, how we speak and how we spend.

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We remember in your holy presence, God of liberty, all whose lives have been diminished by poverty or neglect, all whose confidence has been lost through harsh

treatment or scorn. We pray for those whose have been betrayed, especially those betrayed by loved ones. We pray for all who have lost their dignity through illness, all who are locked in physical or emotional pain, all who are weighed down with worry, guilt or despair. We remember friends and loved ones in their troubles, especially

Zachary Sayers   Karen Wade   Michael Vickers   Deryck Flashman  
Kireet Parmar & family   Trevor Moncrieff   Jennifer Hann   Pauline Pincham  
Richard Pilbeam   Karin Vallis   Angela Fox   Ron Bowler  
Harry Waller   Fred & Christine Atkinson

Restore and refresh them, comfort and free them.

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As resurrection people, we commend to your love those who have died to this earthly life. May they, and we in our turn, experience for ever the joy of your eternity. We pray that all who are bereaved at this time may be strengthened especially remembering those mourning the loss of

Simon Woodmore   Les Turner   Charles Bryant

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As followers of the living Christ, we praise you for the prophecies fulfilled, the promises honoured and the victory over evil gloriously accomplished in Him to fill our lives with hope!

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