

Prayers for 31<sup>st</sup> January

Response : **Jesus, Light of the world ..... shine in our darkness,**

Let us pray

We are all companions on a spiritual journey - as we travel together, let us pray

Blessed are you Lord our God, Creator of light and life

We rejoice in your presence and seek to live fully in your light

**Jesus Light of the world, shine in our darkness**

By the word that created light out of darkness grant that your light may shine in our church

Let our lives be filled with your light that others may be drawn to your light. We pray for all those who seek your light in these difficult times.

Let the Church throughout the world be radiant with your light and love

**Jesus Light of the world, shine in our darkness**

By the light that has come into the world reveal your peace and justice to the nations

Guide our rulers and thinkers that we may live in harmony and generosity and that none may hunger or suffer from want.

Let your light shine on all key workers and we ask you to give them strength as they face such challenging circumstances

**Jesus Light of the world, shine in our darkness**

By the light that shines in Christ, fill our homes with your love and joy, bless our families, friends and all who we love. We pray for all whose relationships and family circumstances are under pressure as a result of the lockdown – let your light shine on them in their darkness

**Jesus Light of the world, shine in our darkness**

By the light that destroys darkness bring hope and comfort to all who suffer, all who are ill at home

We remember all whose lives are darkened by fear or anxiety or pain. We pray for all those on their own, lonely and unable to be with their friends and family during lockdown.

We pray especially for .....

**Jesus Light of the world, shine in our darkness**

By the light that conquers death, give to all the faithful departed the fullness of life and joy in your eternal kingdom. We remember the more that 100,000 who have died during this pandemic. Be gentle with all those grieving, protect them from despair and give them the grace to persevere in your light. We remember particularly .....

**Jesus Light of the world, shine in our darkness**

Open our eyes, Father to the light of your glory, in the world you have made, in the people around us and in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Merciful Father**

**Accept these prayers**

**For the sake of your Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ**

**Amen**