

Prayers for 21st February

Heavenly Father – Creator of all things and Lord of all. Author of concord and lover of peace, we thank you for enabling us to gather together to bring these our supplications to you in the name of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

**As we are gathered we ask this in Jesus name
Hear our prayer**

1. OUR WORLD AT HOME AND ABROAD

Heavenly Father, The current wave of the pandemic is subsiding in this country. We earnestly pray that the progress may be continued and that the pandemic may come to an end across the globe.

We give thanks for the success of the vaccination programme in this country and here again we pray that this success may be repeated across the developed and developing worlds.

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2. OUR YOUNG

Our young have been badly afflicted by the effects of the pandemic and it is placing great strain on the discipline of our young who are having to endure emotional privations that are not natural amongst free people, especially the young. Please help them to adjust and to recover the ground that has been lost for their educational as well as their emotional development.

Many will become unemployed as businesses fail during this and subsequent waves. We pray that you will save this generation from the effects of long term unemployment.

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3. OUR HEALTH WORKERS

Our health workers, in the NHS, private care, care homes continue to struggle against the odds. We give thanks for them and for their dedication. We beseech you to keep them safe.

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4. OUR FAMILIES

Lord Jesus. Bless our families and bind us together in love. Send your spirit to work among those whose relationships have broken down or are under stress, especially those who are and will suffer the privations of lockdown and isolation.

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5. THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

Heavenly Father, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled. Today we pray for:

Zacharay Sayers, Karen Wade, , Kireet and Bhav Parmar, Trevor Moncrief, Pauline Pincham, Karin Vallis, Angela Fox, Ron Bowler, Harry Waller, Samantha Sayers, Ed Thompson, Niki O'Hara, Mary Clements, Paul Campbell and those who are known to us but not listed here.

Please bless all those who care for them. Give them the strength to persevere and keep them safe. We give thanks especially for the front line health workers who have placed themselves and continue to do so at great risk for our benefit.

We give thanks for those, who in your mercy you have healed and returned to us.

But for those who must leave us – please grant them peace and dignity and we pray that you will reach down and comfort those that they leave behind. We pray especially for the families and friends of those who are known to us and in particular:

Simon Woodmore, Michael Vickars, Tony Morgan, Fred Atkinson and John Lord.

We pray that you have prepared a place at your table for them and have already welcomed them into your presence.

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6. OURSELVES

Heavenly Father, through your dear Son you have promised us that your spirit will be with us forever. During this time of Lent lead us from temptation.

Please forgive us when we falter and teach us to forgive those who may hurt us.

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7. THANKS

Heavenly Father - It is such a privilege for us to be able to carry everything to you in prayer. We know that all that is good comes from you alone. We thank you for all the blessings that we have received. Help us to be worthy of them.

We thank you bringing us here today and for listening to us.

Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.