

Intercessions – Third Sunday of Lent – 07/03/2021

As God has called us, so we have come to pray.

Almighty God, creator of all things, we give you thanks for the resources of our world, for the wonders and mysteries of the universe. Lord, help us to use wisely all you have given to us, for the benefit of others, for the well-being of the earth, and to the glory of your holy Name. Give us the desire to share our planet's food and resources, to care for its people's well-being, and to foster peace and justice for all.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We give you thanks for the beauty and order of our world.

We give thanks for special holy places and for our own church; through them may we learn awe and respect for your world. We ask you to guide all leaders of worship, to inspire all preachers of the word, especially Archbishop Justin, Bishop Alan, Charles and Gill, to direct your faithful people in the ways of holiness and peace. Help us to cherish one another as we live the loving way of your commands.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all legislators, for those who set standards for us to live by.

Guide all those who influence the minds of others: we pray for broadcasters, the press, for political leaders. We pray for all dealing in world trade, especially those involved in post-Brexit trade deals; for those in commerce or industry, especially as businesses plan for reopening in the next two months. Give to each the wisdom and will to use properly what you have given them.

We give thanks for the Fair Trade movement. We pray that all producers may be paid a fair price for their goods and that we may use our purchasing power wisely and justly.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all who have become possessed by possessions, for all who are captive to greed and covetousness. We remember all who have suffered through the selfishness of others. Be a strength, O Lord, to all who have suffered robbery or violence, especially those who feel trapped in their homes with the perpetrators in these times of restrictions.

We pray for all who have lost their possessions or livelihood, for those who have come bankrupt. We pray for all whose bodies and minds have difficulty functioning and are ill at this time, especially:

Zachary Sayers	Karen Wade	Kireet & Bhav Parmar	Pauline Pincham
Ron Bowler	Paul Campbell	Samantha Sayers	Karin Vallis
Angela Fox	Harry Waller	Ed Thompson	Nicki O'Hara
Mary Clements	Stephen Richardson	Allan Brown	April Cane

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We give thanks for all who have faithfully obeyed your will, for all who have worshipped you in the beauty of holiness. We give thanks for those who founded this church.

We pray for loved ones departed. We pray for those who miss their physical presence; have mercy on them; may they, and we in our turn, rest in the peace of your enfolding, especially remembering those mourning the death of ...

John Lord Tony Morgan

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We give you thanks for the loving example of Jesus, who was obedient even to death and strengthens us in all goodness.

Merciful father,

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