

Prayers 2nd May

God the vine-grower, you have chosen this time and place for us to grow in love and faith. Thank you for this time together.

Sometimes we grow in the wrong direction. Forgive us, and train us to produce the fruit of the Spirit.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We thank you for seeds that grow into plants and provide us with food, and for vines which produce grapes. Help us to think about where our food comes from and how it is grown, and to make wise choices so that we can look after your world.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for the people of India where the virus is running out of control. We pray for governments and aid agencies who are providing extra help and for the medical staff who are working in such difficult conditions.

As our restrictions are gradually eased we pray for those countries who have little or no access to vaccines yet, and for a swift and fair distribution of vaccines across the world.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for children at school, especially those facing exams and assessments, and for those who have found the last year particularly stressful. We pray for all whose mental health has been affected by lockdowns, isolation and loneliness. May we continue to find practical ways to help them.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all those standing in local elections this week. May those who are elected carry out their duties with integrity and honesty, for the good of all the people they serve.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all who are sick or suffering in our community, especially for...(names on In Touch)

May they know your healing presence in their lives.

And we pray for all who have lost loved ones, especially for the families of ...(names on In Touch)

Grant us, with them, a place in your eternal kingdom

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers,

For the sake of your Son,

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ

Amen