

Prayers for Sixth Sunday of Easter – 09/05/2021

Knowing God's love and affection for us, let us pray to Him now.

Lord, as you have chosen us, empower and equip us; make us worthy of our calling that we may reveal your love and show forth your glory. We rejoice that you have called us to be sons and daughters of God, you have given us a faith that in you conquers all things. Bless, O Lord, all who are seeking to live by what they believe, all who long to hear your word and do your will. We pray for all in their ministry and vocation, especially Archbishop Justin, Bishop Alan, Charles and Gill. Help us, Lord to love one another.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Guide all leaders in industry and commerce; may the goods of this world be neither hoarded nor squandered. At the beginning of Christian Aid Week, we pray that there may be a fairer distribution of wealth and resources. We pray for all who are ill-treated in the world of trade.

Father, wherever tangled political situations seem impossible to solve, wherever conflicting interests threaten peace; wherever the ears of the powerful remain insulated against the cries of the oppressed; give us ears to hear your guidance.

We pray too for Afghanistan and Jerusalem where there have been attacks and unrest this; for India and the Philippines facing surges in Covid.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord, we rejoice that you have called us to know you, you have called us to love you, you have called us to serve you. May we reveal your calling, love and service in all our dealings and where there is despair and negativity, may we bring your hope. We pray especially for those newly elected in borough and county councils, new Mayors and members in the Scottish and Welsh Parliaments, that they may use their power wisely, listen carefully and understand the needs of their constituents.

Father, wherever families are dysfunctional or children are in danger; wherever the daily living conditions are damaging to health and self-respect, let your Kingdom come.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord of love, be a comfort to the sorrowing, be a strength to the weak and those in pain, give hope to all who are dying. We pray that each in their trouble may know your love. Especially we pray for:

Zachary Sayers	Karen Wade	Ron Bowler	Samantha Sayers
Karin Vallis	Angela Fox	Harry Waller	Ollie Kemp
Allan Brown	April Cane	Margaret Horwood	Christian (Karin's brother) William & Claudia Campbell

Father, wherever the ill and injured need comfort and assistance; wherever the elderly and housebound sit each day for hours alone; may we bring your love and help,

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for our loved ones departed that they may be welcomed into your heaven. We pray that those who mourn may be surrounded be comforted and surrounded by your love, especially the families and friends of:

HRH Prince Phillip	Susan Clark	Ed Thompson	Lori Houlihan	Brian
Simpson and Frances Evershed				

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Father, wherever the beauty of your creation reflects your love, may our hearts be lifted to you in thanks and praise.

Merciful father,

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