

Prayers for 15th August

1. WELCOME & THANKS

Heavenly Father – Lord of Hosts and creator of all that is in the Heavens, on the earth, in the skies above, under the earth and under the seas. Thank you for bringing us here today so that gathered together we may praise you and bring these our supplications to you in the name of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. In doing so we remember his earthly mother the Virgin Mary whose feast day it is today.

Responses

As we are gathered we ask this in Jesus name

Hear our prayer

1. Coronavirus

Dear Lord, we give thanks for our new freedoms. Help us to use them wisely. We pray for your help in combating the virus elsewhere, especially in the Far East which is now struggling to cope with the Delta variant. Please ensure that those that have the vaccine will come to the aid of those who have neither the technology nor the resources to be self-sufficient.

Please comfort those who have suffered the loss of family and friends and also those who are suffering the long term effects of the virus. At the same time we thank you for restoring to us all those who have been healed.

People have suffered from the effects of isolation, others have lost their jobs and more may yet do so. Please bring relief to those who are so affected.

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2. Our Church

Heavenly Father, we pray for your Church here and throughout the world especially for Christians who live under totalitarian regimes or in cultures which are anti-Christian. We pray that you will keep them safe and enable them to show Christ to the people among whom they live.

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3. Leadership

We pray for all in authority and leadership, that they may understand the message of Mary, that power, wealth and influence are valuable and fragile and should be used for the succour of the suffering and the oppressed.

We pray especially for our political leaders who must find a way to bring peace and tolerance to the people of Afghanistan who are suffering greatly.

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4. Our Young

We pray for young people everywhere, that they might follow the example of Mary in her obedience to God and her willingness to be part of his plans for the world.

Teach them that life itself is a gift from you alone and is precious.

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5. OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

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.

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6. THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

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

Zacharay and Samantha Sayers, Karin Vallis and her brother Christian, Angela Fox, Oli Kemp, Allan Brown, April Cane, Margaret Horwood, Sheila Marsh, Ross Alberto, Margaret Gillespie, Pauline Pincham, Lizzie Gossling, Matt Williams, Sam Kiely and all 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 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:

Frank Warren, Kim Cyster, Margaret Joiner, Nancy Webb, Karen Wade and Adam Phillips.

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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7. OURSELVES

Heavenly Father, through your dear Son you have promised us that your spirit will be with us forever. Walk with us so that when we falter you may raise us up.

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8. 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 this day and every day.

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