

Intercessions – 15th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 19 – Sunday Sept 12th 2021

In humility and love let us draw near to our God and pray to him now.

Fill, O Lord your church with wisdom, that it may reflect your love and light and be an image of your goodness. Lord, may we confess Jesus as our Christ and Saviour, not only in word but by the way we live, and so bring others to a deeper awareness of your love.

Guide all who preach and teach in your name, especially Archbishop Justin, Bishop Alan, Charles, Gill, Alison and all who help them. We pray for Hilary Kemp as she prepares for her licensing next Sunday to serve you in our community.

We pray for a deepening of unity among all Christians.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Bless with your wisdom all places of learning. We pray for schools, colleges and training establishments; especially Bovingdon Primary and the local secondary schools as they adapt into this new term. We pray for all lecturers, teachers and trainers of people especially those at the prison. Guide them as they prepare their lessons and give them grace to engage their pupils. We pray for all who influence our minds through broadcasting, the press or social media, for all involved in publishing and printing ; May their words be encouraging and enriching.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Give wisdom to the leaders of nations who you have placed there for a reason. We pray for humility, knowledge and clarity in negotiations that the decisions they make are made with wisdom and care. We pray especially for the people of Afghanistan, that the leaders will soften their hearts and honour the promises they made in the earlier agreement. Protect those still living there and give them your comfort and strength as their lives change. For those who have been displaced, give them resources, strength and peace to build new lives elsewhere and give understanding and compassion to those living around them.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

O God, our hope, refuge and strength, we turn to you for peace and security as we recall the 9/11 attack. Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided, replaced now with an emptiness, a longing for an innocence lost. We pray for those still mourning the 2,996 people who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania. We thank you for the bravery and the sacrifice of those who saved lives as firefighters, police officers, rescue crews and the people aboard flight United 93 who along with the emergency services demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their lives for others.

We come remembering and we come in hope, not in ourselves, but in you. In commemorating this tragedy, we give you thanks for your presence in our time of need and we pray for comfort and strength to those who mourn, healing and patience to the survivors who live with continued physical or psychological pain. May those who survived feel gratitude not guilt.

We pray for all worldwide who witnessed in the media the tragedy as it unfolded. Assure each person whose life changed forever of your protection and strength; dispel the nightmares, silence

the anxiety and may what unified us all that day bind us together in the midst of division. Give us your compassion to help each other and recognize need around the world. Give us your hope as we face an uncertain future and give us your peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

We give thanks for those who gave us confidence to venture and to risk, all who have given us strength to stand on our own feet. We pray for all who lack confidence, all who have a low esteem of themselves, may they hear your Holy Spirit speak your love for them into their hearts. We give thanks for and pray for our neighbours, work colleagues and families.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Lord, Support all who are fearful and anxious, all who are timid and afraid to venture. We pray for all who doubt their own ability or your love. We remember all who are lonely or desperate; we pray for those who self-harm.

We remember also all who are in pain and distress especially:

Zachary and Samantha Sayers,	Angela Fox	Oli Kemp	Allan Brown
Christian (Karin's brother)	April Cane	Sheila Marsh	Ross Alberto
Sarah and Gerry Osborne	Margaret Gillespie	Pauline Pincham	Matt Williams
Sam Kiely	Chris O'Hara	Brenda Wood	

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

We give you praise with your saints in glory, all who have confessed the faith and are in your kingdom. We pray for all who are departed from this life and those who mourn them, especially:

Kim Cyster	Nancy Webb	Rita Warby	Karen Wade
Adam Phillips	Paula Bowen		

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

O Lord, as Peter confessed you as the Christ, give us boldness to proclaim your redeeming love and saving power in the world; may we be ready to bear the cross and give ourselves for others and the advancement of your kingdom.

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen