

Intercessions – 17th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 21 – Sunday Sept 26th 2021

Conscious of our need for God's power in our lives, our Church and our world, let us pray to Him now.

Strengthen, O Lord, your church in its care for the need. We pray for all healers and healing communities, for those who practise the laying on of hands, for spiritual guides and counsellors. We remember all who come for forgiveness, hope and comfort; we commit ourselves to your saving power. We pray especially for Charles, Gill, Hilary, Chris and Alison.

On the way of goodness, if we stumble lift us up; on the way of holiness, if we stray bring us back; on the way of kindness, if we toughen soften our hearts; that we may draw others to you and your saving power, by our words and our examples.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth

We pray for our torn and fragmented world, wrestling to equate the deep yearning for peace with the instinctive urge for gratification and power; that many may have the courage to walk God's way. We pray for all who are seeking to reclaim and restore spoiled areas. Give hope to all who live in slums and poor housing, all whose land is exhausted and whose labour is frustrated.

Bless all who are caring for and seeking to re-house refugees around the world, especially those from Afghanistan and Haiti. We pray for all who are seeking political asylum. Father, we pray for a greater awareness of what damages souls and encourages evil, and for widespread commitment to addressing the dangers.

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On this National Police Memorial Day we pray for the Police. O God, whose will it is that men, women and children should live in an ordered society, we offer you our thanks for the general integrity of the police force. Continue, we pray, to bless its members in their work of protecting persons and property. Give them good success in the detection of crime and arrest of the lawlessness. Save them from misuse of power and error of judgement and so enable them to be instruments of your will and purpose. We remember before you O Lord, all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives whilst on duty serving their communities.

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Lord, teach us to be open and generous in our dealings. May we dedicate ourselves to the service of others and to you. Bless the neighbourhood in which we love and the places where we work. We pray especially for the families and friends of Verity Taylor and Arthur Jackson as they are baptised later today. May this be a very special day where they are aware of your presence and encouraged to walk your path throughout their lives.

Father, we pray for the young, and the vulnerable in very community, for all in positions of trust, for child-minders, playgroups and schools, for children's clubs and uniformed organisations, for loving nurture and protection from all evil.

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Lord of all power, support all whose strength is gone, the totally exhausted, the world-weary, all who feel dried up; we think of those who cannot cope on their own. We remember before You those particularly in need of your love and healing

Zachary Sayers, Christian (Karin's brother) Sarah and Gerry Osborne Mark Freeth	Angela Fox April Cane Margaret Gillespie Jenny Bishop	Oli Kemp Sheila Marsh Matt Williams	Allan Brown Ross Alberto Emma Williams
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Father, we pray for all long-term carers and those they look after, for all who are having to learn dependence gracefully, and those who are imprisoned with guilt. Work your healing love in them all, reassuring them of your presence.

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We give you praise for the victory that is ours in Christ Jesus, for the promise of joy and peace in your eternal kingdom. We pray that no one may be lost eternally, that all may turn from their sin and trust your mercy; that physical death may be but the gate to heaven. We commend to your love those who have recently died:

Kim Cyster Adam Phillips	Nancy Webb Paula Bowen	Rita Warby Pauline Conway	Cliff Warby Pauline Pincham	Karen Wade
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In great thankfulness for all your blessings to us, heavenly Father, we offer you these prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen