Intercessions for 23rd August

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for in your love you sent your Son, Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. He is our rock on which we build our faith, our strength, our guide, our protector and our redeemer. Grant that we may ever be aware of and rejoice in his constant presence with us. Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To you be praise and glory for ever.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We give thanks for all who have witnessed to your love and saving power and who have kept the light of the gospel alive in even the darkest of times. We give thanks for all those who have been involved in finding new and innovative ways of providing worship during the past months and for all those who have found spiritual blessing in joining in with such services. Help us Lord to work together using all our various gifts in your name to ensure a lively and meaningful faith to inspire others to become followers of Christ.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

As we continue to face an uncertain future we pray especially for all young people and those who teach and instruct them. We recognize the distress and anxiety caused by the muddle over exam results and while some rejoice others may be feeling that their efforts have been both wasted and unrecognized. We pray for all those involved in the field of education that ways may be found to ensure that our children and young people receive the education that they deserve and in so doing are given renewed hope and confidence for their future well-being.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We give continued thanks for all the key workers in whatever capacity they may act and recognize their dedication and sacrifice in ensuring that essential services are maintained especially within the NHS. We pray that they will continue to feel supported and appreciated and given the help they need to ensure that they remain physically and mentally strong in the face of all the many challenges that they face day by day.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Loving and gracious Lord we pray for all those who suffer or are in difficulty in any way at this time be they close family or friends or unknown migrants desperate to begin a new life free of poverty or oppression. May all for whom we pray find the comfort not only of your healing and compassionate presence but also know the companionship and care of those who walk with them.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

And as we remember how Peter was given strength to become the rock on which Christ's church was built we too pray for strength to use our God given gifts faithfully in service to the glory of the one body of Christ using these words of Ian Adams:

Don't force the future. Wait for the strength that you will need to do whatever must be done. At the right time it will be yours.

As if from on high strength will descend and settle upon you.

Wait for strength. Then rise.

Merciful Father

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