

Intercessions for Sunday 27th September 2020

In this time of uncertainty and distress, help us to help and comfort those in our community whose needs are much greater than our own:

- the anxious and fearful;
- those who feel isolated by current restrictions, especially the elderly and vulnerable;
- those who have lost employment and whose financial security is seriously threatened;
- key workers who are suffering from over-work;

Help us to be considerate in our behaviour towards others, even when provoked. These are testing times, Lord. Let us not be found wanting.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

Lord, help the leaders of our church throughout this land, that they may acknowledge your authority in their actions, leading us by example. We ask your blessing on the work of the church's General Synod, which met in special session last Thursday.

We give thanks for all those who are helping to sustain worship in this church during these difficult times:

- for our clergy team
- for our PCC
- for all who assist us by volunteering for rota duties.

Lord, in the wider church we remember and pray for those places in the world where bearing Christian witness is fraught with danger, especially in China, Iran, Pakistan and in many parts of Africa. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer

Lord, we ask your blessing on our families and friends, especially those who, because of current restrictions, we are unable to visit or welcome into our homes. Enfold them in your loving arms, as we would wish to do.

Dear Lord, help us to say 'Yes' to you, but more importantly, help us to show that we mean it, in our actions and in the way we live our lives, to the glory of your name.

Merciful Father...

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