

Prayers for Sunday 17th May 2020 - EASTER 6, YEAR A

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for out of your love you have made all things.
You come to us and give yourself to us.
Help us to be aware of your love in our lives
and to give ourselves to you
in love and in doing your will.
Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Lord, as you abide in us,
let our lives show your love for all of your creation.
We remember all Christians who are being persecuted for their faith
or have to suffer scorn and mockery
from those with whom they live.
We pray for all who witness to you
amid danger and opposition.
We ask your blessing upon all who are new to the faith.
We pray for those who have recently been converted
and for those who have been baptised and confirmed.
*Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

Lord, we remember all places where people are suffering
from tyranny or lawlessness.
We pray for all who are oppressed or used as cheap labour.
We ask your blessing upon all who strive
for justice, freedom, peace and fair trade.
*Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

Lord, may our homes reflect the love we share.
Keep us sensitive to the needs of each other.
We remember before you
all who feel unloved and unwanted.
We ask your blessing
upon all homeless people and refugees.
We pray for all who are suffering
from broken relationships and broken trust.
We remember those who feel isolated in
this Corona virus lockdown,
all essential workers who continue to serve us
in spite of the dangers they face.
We pray now for those who are returning to work
that they may stay alert and safe and
in so doing protect themselves and others.
*Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

Lord of light, we ask your blessing
upon all who are struggling with darkness and fear.
We remember those who have been involved
in accidents or in acts of violence this week.
We pray for all who have suddenly become ill
and those who are in hospital. We remember those
in our own community who are sick and for whom
prayers have been requested:
The Patients of Langley Green Hospital and for
Christine, Richard Aldridge, William MacKeen, Graham,
Angela, Shirley, Billy, Colin, Sharon, John Hartridge,
Sarah Colgate, Evelyn Kerr, Sheena Cook, Ann Utting,
Joyce Willoughby, Rose Scarborough and others whom
we remember in our hearts.
in so doing protect themselves and others.
*Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

We pray particularly for those suffering from the Covid 19 virus and for those treating them in our hospitals, care homes, hospices and in their own homes. We also pray for the work of the scientists as they strive to find a vaccine that will protect us all. We pray for all who anxiously await the results of a medical examination or test.

*Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

Lord of the nations, we pray governments throughout the world that they may do what is right in your sight to shield and protect those whom they represent.

We pray for our own nation and for those in authority that they may act wisely and justly in all things.

We pray for those in our own community who serve those in need and for the many acts of kindness being shown and ask that this spirit of love may remain.

*Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

Lord of life,
we rejoice in the power of the resurrection
and we remember before you those who have recently died: Doris Pedder and Eunice Clement,
and those whose years mind falls at this time:
Miša Knox-Crawford, Louis Ashton, Ethel Harris,
Geoff Juggins, Peter Hale, Erin Dawson, Lloyd Thomas,
Cecilia Withrington, Jim Wells and Arthur Challoner
We ask your blessing upon our loved ones departed from us.
May we all abide in your presence and eternal love.

Merciful Father ...

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

We end our prayers with the words our Saviour taught us saying together:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**