

## Intercessory Prayers

### Sunday 16th March at Stowe Church

Oh mighty Father, Lord of all,  
Oh holy one, creation's King,  
The God whose Son saved mankind's fall  
And brought new hope to everything,  
Omniscient, yet loving too,  
We humbly bring these prayers to you.

We pray for your embattled church,  
May it be one where all belong,  
One that its critics can't besmirch,  
With bishops brave, archbishops strong,  
A church united, bold and clear:  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Your world we've got into a mess.  
We pray for Peace worldwide to reign,  
An end to scenes of gross distress,  
Peace both in Gaza and Ukraine,  
A peace that lasts, a peace that's fair,  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

May spiritual renewal, Lord,  
Become the world's prayer for today:  
May your pure Spirit fly abroad  
To soften all those hearts of clay  
And spread your Word, beyond compare,  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray today for King and Queen.  
May they be blessed in all they do,  
Unbowed by critics false and mean,  
And blessed be Kate and William too.  
May tell-tale books become thin air!  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We raise to you our prayer board pleas,  
We pray for those who grieve a loss;  
For homeless people on their knees;  
For refugees; the trouble-tossed;  
Those persecuted; even gaoled,  
In countries where the truth has failed.  
May your blest presence numb despair!  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

And from the world, we turn to Stowe,  
The sick and suff'ring we hold dear.  
May they your loving presence know.  
May it be easing pain or fear.  
Please bless from this small church we share  
All those, alas, who can't be here.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We raise to you the Rev'rend Ron,  
Who was our rock for many years.  
Support his strength for Judith's care.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

And dear Val Plumb we raise to you,  
Our light in darkness midst bad days.  
Dear Lord, please help her struggle through,  
So she can still sing out your praise,  
Just as she sang it out, when here.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for this time of Lent,  
And Cathy's course in Dadford Hall.  
May meditations be well spent,  
May Lent be fruitful for us all.  
May we find verses rich and rare!  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

For Charlotte and for Tom we pray.  
Please bless them on their fruitful way.  
We pray for Hans and Cathy, Lord,  
So joyful as they spread abroad  
Your Word. May it bloom ev'rywhere!  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

And lastly, father, we commit  
This fellowship at Stowe to you.  
May it reach out, and bit by bit  
And Spirit-led, its strength renew.  
And in the meantime, keep us near.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

