

## OPENING PRAYER:

Let us pray. Loving Father, Please soften our hearts and open our ears to receive Your word, spoken and sung. In the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## MAIN INTERCESSIONARY PRAYERS:

Father God, we praise and thank you for sending Your precious Son, Jesus Christ, to be our advocate, to teach us and guide us, and to give His life for the forgiveness of our sins. We thank You for Your promise of eternal life with You in heaven. We thank you for Your wonderful gifts of food, health, our families, our church family and other friends, sunshine and rain, and a safe, beautiful country to live and worship You in.

We are truly sorry for all our sins, and now we bring to you those things that are on our hearts or are troubling us, in a moment of silence.... (10 seconds' of Silence)

We ask for Your forgiveness and Your grace to serve You in newness of life, to the glory of Your name always.

Please guide and direct all those in authority worldwide, in their reactions to the pandemic and the economy, keeping them mindful of mental health and wellbeing.

We ask that the Brexit talks go smoothly toward an agreement acceptable to all sides. Give Your wisdom and grace to all those involved in the negotiations.

In this difficult season, we especially pray for people in countries with poor healthcare systems - that they would receive the help they need, a kind word and most importantly, Your good news of salvation.

We lift up to You all whose jobs and finances are under threat due to the recent restrictions, that they might receive comfort, help and support. Also those who are facing even more isolation from society and their loved ones, as they stay indoors to help beat the virus. We ask for Your comfort for them as they shelter under Your wings Lord. Our hearts go out to those who have lost friends or family - cradle them in Your arms and bind up their wounds. And we really pray that this pandemic would end as soon as possible.

We pray for colleges, universities and schools and all those who study and work in them. Please keep our young people safe from harm. Keep our local communities safe and help us to promote harmony.

We ask that you protect people from damaging addictions and their consequences, and provide them with timely support and help. Keep us always sensitive to the distress of others and show us how to offer the right help at the right time.

As we look forward eagerly to the arrival of our new Vicar Joe, his wife Nikki and their family, please give them all they need as they prepare for this new chapter.

We pray that you give Your strength, wisdom and guidance to all clergy around the world, especially in areas of danger and persecution. Guide them and give them your strength to do Your will.

We ask for Your healing for those unwell in body, mind or spirit, especially thinking of Roy Cooper, Terry and Joyce Fuller, Raymond Chudley, and Hazel Jones. And, in a moment of silence, we bring to you others who are known to us (12-15 s)

And we round up all our prayers with the one Jesus himself taught us:

Our Father in Heaven. Hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine  
is the Kingdom, The power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen

