

Prayers 14th March 2021

On this Mothering Sunday, let us pray first for mothers and all those who care for us

Loving God,
we give you thanks for all who care for us,
who have encouraged us and helped us grow,
who have forgiven us,
and cared for us when we are unwell,
who have supported us when times were hard,
who have challenged us,
who have told us about you.
Thank you, Lord. Amen

God with a mother's heart,
you gather us as your children.
You comfort and hold us in your warm embrace.
When we hurt, your arms enfold us.
When we are afraid, your wings protect us.
When we are hungry, you feed us with the bread of life.
God with a mother's heart,
your love surrounds and supports us,
in good times and tough,
in the midst of joy and pain,
always and everywhere.
You will never leave nor abandon us.
God eternal and loving one,
God with a mother's heart,
we thank you this day
for being part of your family. Amen

Lord of the universe

We pray for your world, and ask forgiveness for all the harm and damage that we cause, through war, greed, neglect of the environment or deliberate sabotage. Help us to care more, to realise and acknowledge the harm we are doing, and to be willing to work together for the good of all
Lord in your mercy -hear our prayer

We pray for all those who are struggling and need help, refugees and asylum seekers, people out of work or in low paid jobs, people suffering persecution for their faith, their way of life or their political allegiance. Give them strength and courage to face the future, and show us how we can help
Lord in your mercy -hear our prayer

We pray for our leaders, in government, in the Church, in society, and we ask for wisdom, humility and kindness so that the decisions they make will be just and fair, honest and compassionate. We pray that your grace and love will overturn those leaders who rule by fear and force, and the voice of the people will be heard
Lord in your mercy -hear our prayer

We pray for all those who live in fear. Especially at the moment, we remember women who are afraid to go out on their own, and those who are afraid to stay at home, and we pray for a more equal society and for support for all those who are fearful
Lord in your mercy -hear our prayer

Finally Lord, we pray for those who are sick in body mind or spirit. We give thanks that so many in this country have now been vaccinated, but we remember that this is not the case in most countries, and we pray that the vaccine will soon be available to everyone, regardless of their economic situation or status in society. We remember in our hearts all those we know who are unwell, or who need your healing touch, Lord.
Lord in your mercy -hear our prayer

Merciful Father, accept our prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen