

Intercessions Sun 23 Feb 2025

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Everlasting God, we pray for all who are disciples of Jesus and ask that the Holy Spirit will pour into our hearts a love for others that transcends human pride, ambition and selfishness. We pray that we may be true to the example of selfless giving, and service, shown by Jesus who sought always to heal and restore the broken people of our world. We pray for the church here in North Waltham and we give thanks for all church members who contribute their time and skills to help support the body of Christ in this place.

We give thanks for the service of Tim, James, Jonah and Mary in our United Benefice

Strengthen Philip, Rhiannon and David, our bishops, and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

God of peace and justice, we continue to pray for peace in all places where there is conflict. For the people of Ukraine for those in the Middle East and for anyone affected by war. We pray for all who fear for tomorrow, and ask that your Spirit of comfort draws near to them. We pray for your precious children, at risk and in fear, and ask that you will hold and protect them. We pray for those who are enemies, that you will turn their hearts to kindness and friendship. We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that in all their trials, they may know your love and support. We ask you to give courage and wisdom to those engaged in bringing about peace in this troubled world.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Bless and guide Charles our King; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another. May all leaders learn from the example of Jesus Christ that true power, is the power to feed the poor and hungry, to make a home for the homeless, to offer hospitality to the broken-hearted and to govern with justice, integrity and humanity.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator Lord the readings today, reminded us of your wonderful work in creating our amazing world and we bring to you our thanks and praise for the wonder of your creation, and we pray that you would open our eyes to see all the beauty around us.

As the seasons change, as Winter starts to give way to Spring help us to appreciate your greatness in giving us the different seasons, each one fulfilling our needs.

Help us to your safeguard your world so that our children and future generations will benefit from the natural beauty which you have created.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we pray for our families and friends, our colleagues and neighbours. We pray that in loving and serving those around us, we may be working with You to make the kingdom of heaven a reality in this community. Lord, please protect our loved ones, especially any who are going through difficult times. We think about our neighbours and pray for harmony in our relationships with them. In our cycle of prayer for the village, we particularly remember our neighbours in Wheatsheaf Close.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

We remember before You those who have recently died, or who's anniversary falls around this time. We pray also for those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Grant all, the comfort of Your presence in their grief and sorrow at their loss, and may those, for whom this earthly life is over, Rest in Peace. In a moment of silence, we remember those closest to us.

Hear us Lord as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ; according to your promises, grant us, with them, a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Lord God, we are living through difficult, and troublesome times, and many of us have personal challenges known only to you. Yet you continue to bring us hope for the future. You invite us to share our worries and concerns with you, in the knowledge that you will carry that burden on our behalf and walk alongside us during those difficult seasons in our life. With you in our life, Lord, there is nothing that we cannot bear.

Faithful God, we offer you these prayers for ourselves and for others. We ask you to accept them and to use them, and us, so that your will may be done on earth and more of your kingdom revealed to those who seek you.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**