

Old Hills Malvern Churches Intercessions 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

*Both Gathered Services this week will use the prescribed litany (grouping) of prayers in The Prayer Book. For a more contemporary set of prayers to aid your praying, please use the following:*

Compassionate God, we pray for your church especially in our two parishes, Rev Gary, the Lay Ministers, the wardens and PCC officers and all those who serve on church councils. We give thanks for the service of those that are stepping down from church office at the Annual Meetings later this month. And we pray for their successors.

(Short Silence)

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

Creator God, we are part of the tensions and injustices of the world: heal the resentment between people, and intervene in the world's conflicts. Help us to walk humbly with you at our side when we come to the crossroads and have to choose which way to go lead us to the path of justice and righteousness whilst steering us away from the road that leads to selfishness and sin.

(Short Silence)

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

Father God, forgive us when we waste our lives by being too busy to enjoy Your creation. Teach us how to make spaces in the day to do the things we most enjoy. Just as You rested from Your work, help us to practise the discipline of sabbath or recreation.

(Short Silence)

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

Loving God, we pray for all those who are sick, that the Lord may guide them and strengthen them through their illness. We pray for all those affected by the Covid19 pandemic and those charged in making the right decisions for our care. We pray also for those who care for the sick, those engaged in the caring professions and for family members who look after loved ones and especially for children who care for parents

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*                      (Short Silence)

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

Merciful God, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us, and the fellowship of the church family around us until we are reunited once more in your heavenly kingdom. We pray for all those considering engaging with the Memory Field initiative at Madresfield Church for All Souls-tide.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

(Short Silence)

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

Everlasting God, send us out into the coming week to live the Good News. Give us the will each day to live in life to the full, knowing that we are forgiven, loved and free.

Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**