

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Intercessions for the 4th Sunday of Lent and Mothering Sunday - 14th March 2021

Intercessions for Mothering Sunday

Everlasting God, as your son Jesus Christ showed his love on the cross, in his compassion for his mother and his sacrifice for us all, may we know what it is to love and be loved, in words and in actions.

Heavenly Father we pray today for our Mother Church (The Church of England and Worcester Cathedral) and our Churches across both parishes. We give you thanks for our Church family and pray that all may find in her their true home; that the lonely, the marginalized, the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Creator God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression; for joy where there is pain; that your love may bring peace to all your children. We especially pray for all mothers who have to raise their children in places where there is war, famine, terrorism and great uncertainty. For mothers who have had to flee conflict to a different country or are far from their homes and their relatives. For mothers who have been unable to meet with their children because of Coronavirus and for those who have had to cope with home learning with their children whilst still doing all of their everyday work.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, you have given us the right to be called children of God. Help us to show your love in our homes that they may be places of love, security and truth. Your Son, was born into the family of Mary and Joseph; bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those families living under stress and may your love be known where no human love is found.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Father God, we remember that as we celebrate Mothering Sunday today there are those who do not share our happiness, those who are sick, those who are sad, those who lonely, those who separated from their families and those who live in families where there is little joy. We raise before you now those who need healing in their lives and give you thanks where healing has taken place.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Merciful God you commanded us to honour our parents. Have mercy on the souls of our mothers and Fathers who have departed this life and hear us as we now remember too, the recently departed.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, as we go out into the coming week may we reflect your love for us love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can see that we are followers of your son Jesus Christ and draw others into his loving care.

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

Intercessions for the Fourth Sunday in Lent– 14th March 2021 (lectionary based)

Holy God, forgive us when we have sinned by speaking against you, your son Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit and also for the times that, through fear or complacency, we do not speak for you or admit to our Christian faith. Help us always to carry our cross openly and to take every opportunity to live and preach the Good News

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, whenever we start to get offended by your generosity or open-mindedness, give us the grace to repent and return to give you praise and rejoicing. Guard the Church against self-righteousness and all rules and limits which you would not own, but always keep before us the rule of love.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, help us to reject following the ways of this world and the passions of the flesh when they would pull us away from following you along the paths of righteousness. We also pray for those in positions of authority and leadership; that they too reject misusing their powers but always respect and care for all their peoples and for the natural resources of their countries.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, on this Mothering Sunday we remember that from the cross your only Son, Jesus entrusted Mary his mother and John his disciple to each other's care. Help us also to care for one another and fill our homes with the spirit of your love.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God, the psalmist tells us how you sent forth your word and healed the Children of Israel and saved them from destruction. We remember to give thanks to you for the goodness and the wonders you continue to do for us, your children and we continue to raise before those we know who still need a healing word.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, we pray for those who have departed this life and recognise that they have been saved through their faith and the gift of your son Jesus Christ, rather than by the good works that they did and the things that they achieved in their time on earth.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God, you are rich in mercy, and love us even when we sin and fail you. Thank you that by grace we have been saved and given the promise of being raised up with your son Jesus Christ and seated with him in the heavenly places when we come to the end of our loves.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

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

Your Prayer is Our Prayer for the week

No contribution received from anyone this week, so here's another one from me:

God of grace and mercy, your son Jesus wept at the tomb of his friend Lazarus. Send your Holy Spirit on those who grieve, who struggle, and all who fear. Meet us in our times of questioning, anger, and doubt. Show us what we can do to enable one another to overcome isolation, distress, and despair. And make us a humbler people who know our need of you. In Christ's name.

Amen.