

Old Hills Malvern Churches  
The Parishes of Powick, Guarlford and Madresfield with Newland

### **Collect for Tenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **Intercessions for Tenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

<p>We hold before you the people of Beirut after the explosion and those affected and mourning the loss of loved ones in the Aberdeen Train Crash. We hold before you our Churches as they finalise their reopening plans and the schools as they do similar.</p>
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God invites us to hold the needs of friends and loved ones before Him. And so, loving our neighbours as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

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

Faithful God, we pray today O Lord for your blessing to be upon this online -not virtual- congregation, upon those worshipping elsewhere on line or actually and upon our benefice of two parishes, four churches and at least five distinct communities. We pray for your presence to be seen vividly in what we do and say each day. We pray that your joy and your love will flow freely in and through us.

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

Creator God, we pray for all in authority that they may never be tempted to abuse or misuse their power. We continue to pray for persecuted Christian believers and for minority Christian communities where they are under pressure and for all who suffer for their faith.

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

Father God, we pray for the times when our blinkered vision prevents us from taking care of our immediate family and household or when through our busyness, we take no part in the life of our neighbourhood or the wider community. The virus has strangely taught us the power of community which we need to continually embrace.

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

Loving God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus can free us from our burdens and heal our bodies and spirits. We pray for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. We pray too for those suffering from addiction of any kind and ask that you help them to put such temptations of this world behind them. And we continue to pray for those affected by the Pandemic in any way, especially for those who will not recover.

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

Merciful God, we commend into your hands those who have departed this life. You gave them breath and loved them through their journey of life. Receive them now at the end of that journey into your eternal presence and may they rest in everlasting peace.

*(Short Silence)*

Gracious God, as we go out into the world we pray that we may reflect your love in our families, our churches and our community; so that the world can witness that we are followers of Christ and draw others into his loving care.

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