

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Intercessions for Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Year B – 17th October 2021

These prayers are based on the Common Worship lectionary - not the BCP readings

Common Worship Readings:

Job 38:1-7 (34-end)

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-40

Collect

God, our light, and our salvation:

Illuminate our lives,

That we may see your goodness in the land of the living,

And looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus, our Lord. Amen

Intercessions

Everlasting God, we pray for all who are disciples of Jesus today 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.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God at this the end of the “Week of Prayer for World Peace” we give you thanks for the way that people of many faiths have prayed together with a common aim. We pray for the Peace of the World, raising before you the countless places and populations who have never enjoyed the peace which we in Europe so often take for granted. Jesus said, **“Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be known as the Children of God”** and with this in mind focus world leaders to strive for peace not only internationally but also within their own countries. May peace begin with us, in our homes, with our families and friends as we strive to follow in Jesus’ footsteps.

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 these churches and our village communities.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God, we pray for all who bear the burdens of pain, bereavement, anxiety, and depression. We pray that they may have an awareness of Your presence bearing those burdens with them and always working towards their healing and wholeness.

(Add names of those requesting prayer)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

We pray for those that are mourning the loss of a loved one dear. For those also remembering a sad anniversary at this time. We pray that our outreach to those in mournful need at All Souls-tide will be appreciated.

(Add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Heavenly Father we thank you that you are always more ready to hear our prayers and to respond to them in ways that are sometimes beyond our expectations or imagination. Help us to be part of your response through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Old Hills Malvern Benefice Prayer

Almighty God,
source of our hope and of all good things;
you call us in love to share in the work of creation in making all things new.
Bless our benefice of two parishes, three schools, four churches active across five villages.
May we be faithful in worship,
Confident in our discipleship,
and joyful in our service,
that through us, the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us,
made known in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Grace and Graces for the week ahead - from Thea

What is Grace? Grace is when God gives us far more than we deserve.

Gods Riches at Christ's Expense. (Think about it) More about Grace next week.