

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Intercessions for Sunday 18th April (Easter 2- Third Sunday of Easter). Year B

A Special prayer following the death of Prince Philip

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brother Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. In this life you embraced him with your tender love, and opened to him the gate of heaven. The old order has passed away, as you welcome him into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Intercessions

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Help us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and joy and amazement as real as was theirs when he appeared to them.

Gracious God help us all to play an active part in determining the transformative vision for our parishes, ever focusing on Christ's call to all of us to be witnesses and to make disciples of all mankind.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, you gave us a beautiful world to live in and to care for. We know that in many areas our Stewardship has been a failure yet, through the victory of Jesus Christ, we know also that you can restore all things in glory; and so we pray for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles. We especially pray for those suffering from the economic impact of the Coronavirus as businesses reopen after lockdown.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, we pray for our different village and church communities, that each of us might make use of our individual talents enabling each church group to flourish as a witness to the “One Body” of the church. Help us to spread the warmth of your love to everyone we meet.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God, we pray for those who do not share our Easter joy especially those living in the shadow of darkness and despair and for those whose illness narrows their view of the world. We especially pray for all those who have requested prayer and in the quietness of our hearts we raise before You those who we know who are also in need.

(add names of those requesting prayer)

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 those families we are supporting with funeral ministry - especially the family and friends of Jenny Hill, Janet Mason, Mary Taylor, Marion Holtom, Valerie Richings and Pauline Cooper

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, surround the Queen and the Royal Family with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness and strength to meet the days to come.

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

To inspire you to pray:

William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury in the 1940s, is well known for saying, ‘When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don’t, they don’t.’