

Intercessions for Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 18th October 2020

Everlasting God, you want us to be a generous people offering our time, talents and money to your service. Guard us, Lord, from holding back when we should be letting go and honouring you as Lord of all we have. We pray for the work of our Deanery across Greater Malvern and its ministers and PCC members many of whom are up for re-election. We especially pray for those who deal with the day to day finances of our parishes and deal with all the problems of balancing the books.

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

Holy God, we thank you for your creation and remember that you entrusted it to our care as stewards. Give us wisdom to manage our money and personal finances well and to practice heartfelt generosity. As we live each day, help us to treat our world fairly whilst receiving its goodness gratefully. Help us to remember that you are the giver of all we have and to put aside pride of ownership.

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

Creator God, we pray especially for the world's politicians and business leaders, those who manage economies and have a responsibility to care for the environment. We also pray that all businesses, large and small pay their taxes in a fair and honest way rather than seeking to dodge their responsibilities

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 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, your word promises all the material things that we need to live but we find it hard to trust. We pray now for all those who struggle with the burden of personal debt: for those too frightened to face the problem, for couples who cannot talk about it, for children who cannot understand but live with the worry. We pray also for those who are consumed by money worries, anxious about jobs or homes or the future; those who feel they have lost control of money and cannot cope. We pray for Chris and all those working at the Malvern Debt Centre as part of Christians Against Poverty.

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

Loving God, we pray for all who bear the burdens of pain, bereavement, anxiety and depression. We pray for those whose illness stems from financial problems. We pray that they may have an awareness of your presence and an understanding that you are bearing those burdens with them and always working towards their healing and wholeness.

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

Merciful God, we remember with thankfulness and gratitude all those who have left their mark on our lives by giving us love and laughter, but who have now gone before us to be with Christ. We hold them in our hearts, knowing that you, Lord, hold them in yours. We pray for our Field of Memory initiative - that the 150 crosses all bear the names of a loved one lost but not forgotten. As these prayers are written, news of the passing of Lady Morrison has reached us. As our Paton in the parishes, she was a well-liked and faithful follower of Christ. We pray for her family at Madresfield Court and all the organisations that valued her patronage.

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

Gracious God, you have called and chosen us to spread the Good News of your son to the world. As we go out to another week help us to give the message to all we meet, at home, at work, in our leisure time and in our community.

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

Intercessions for Saint Luke–18th October 2020

St. Luke, saintly Physician, you were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write for us an account of the life of Jesus and the beginnings of our church. In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, you also demonstrated his divinity and his genuine compassion for all human beings. We take inspiration from Luke in our annual meetings across the parishes as we continue the process of “diagnosis and treatment” for our churches and fruitful and ongoing dialogue via the Diocesan Open Conversations process, may we all find a stronger future role in our village communities.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

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Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Holy God, we thank you for the joy of human love, and for all those among whom we live and work. We pray particularly for loved ones who worry us with their health, or circumstances, or life direction. We pray for those among our friends and families who do not know you, or whose faith has been shaken.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God just as you inspired St Luke, inspire all modern doctors with skill, professionalism and compassion for their patients. Enable them to cure the ills of both body and spirit that afflict so many in our day. We pray now for all those whom we know and love and are in need of healing.....

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God many people die from a lack of proper medical facilities each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly from these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace. We especially pray for those countries lacking proper facilities to cope with the Pandemic and for all medical charities which are trying to help out.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God, as we depart this service after hearing the Gospel and sharing in the Eucharist may we, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, know the fire that burns in every heart touched by the risen Christ in our midst

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

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