

## Old Hills Malvern Churches

### Intercessions for the week ahead and for Creationtide 2020

Two sets of intercessions are offered - one for w/c 20<sup>th</sup> September that relate to the Common Worship Lectionary Readings. Another set reflects our journey through Creationtide (from now until the *Feast Day of St Francis*, 4<sup>th</sup> October - traditionally our harvest time). Talking of Francis, I also include Pope Francis's prayer for the earth.

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### Intercessions for Creationtide

Creator God, you have generously blessed us with an abundance of gifts in this, your world. Help us to share in that generosity by living in a way that ensures that your gifts will continue to be available for future generations.

Lord hear us.

**O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation**

Creator God, we rejoice that, as human beings, we have been created in your image and likeness. But we also recognise that humanity alone cannot adequately reflect you. The whole diversity of the earth is needed to give us even a glimpse of your wonder and greatness. Help us to live in a sustainable way so that this marvellous diversity is respected. **O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation**

Creator God, we live in a world where some of us throw out food while others go to bed hungry; where some have modern amenities of life at their disposal and other struggle to find drinking water. May we learn to share with one another and, in this way, come to share in your generosity to all. **O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation**

Creator God, you gave us custody of this fragile Earth. A place where plant and animal species die out each year. Make use conservators and curators of creation. Help us to preserve and enhance the diversity of animal and plant life: not ripping up countryside or woodland. But nature and enhance it so that the wildlife and plants, upon which we all depend, thrives and survives. **O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation**

Creator God, the sun, the wind and the waves are your gift for the flourishing of the whole community of life on earth. Help us to use them creatively to produce sustainable energy for all. **O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation**

Through scientists, engineers and scholars new knowledge comes to light; may new developments in the production of sustainable energy protect our fragile planet and promote the well-being of all peoples and all creatures on their journey to wholeness. **O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation**

We pray for the United Nations, for all international, national and local leaders and for managers of companies that they may be guided by your Spirit to make wise decisions about sources of sustainable energy for all. **O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation**

Creator God, You have blessed humankind with understanding, imagination and memory. Show us how to learn from past mistakes and plan for the future creatively and responsibly. **AMEN**

*(based on the Churches Together in Great Britain and Ireland Intercessions)*

**A prayer for our Earth** [*Laudato Si - from Pope Francis*]

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe,  
And in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us  
to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. **Amen**

**Intercessions for Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 20th September 2020**

Holy God, you have called us here today; and so as we gather together, may be nervously because of Covid, we offer to you our prayers which stem from our love for you and our love and concern for those we love and for the people of the world.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, when the Church joins together, we can show people a much fuller picture of Jesus and His Kingdom. We pray for your church, and the churches in our local community, and ask that there will be a growing desire to get together and get out. We give you thanks for those who come up with fresh ways of making your name known to the wider community and for those who work so hard to make worship possible through online and virtual services

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray not only for the victims but for the perpetrators of evil and violence in our world; for all governments which run on corruption and fear. We pray for a change of

heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, forgive us when we waste our lives by being too busy to enjoy your creation. Teach us how to make spaces in the day to do the things we most enjoy. Just as you rested from your work, help us to practise the discipline of recreation and help me to become your hands and feet in my street so that my neighbours will one day ask me to tell them more about you.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, help those we know and love to turn away from habits which are harmful to them. Help them to turn to you in times of crisis, rather than reaching for quick-fix solutions.

Lord, we also bring to you those we know who are ill or suffering in any way. Give them healing and restore them in body, mind and spirit. We especially pray for the following that have asked for our prayer:.....

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, we remember in your presence all those who have died, and particularly those we have known and loved. Thank you for them and thank you for your promise of eternal life and peace. Be close to those who are recently bereaved, strengthen them with the knowledge that you are always there to lean on and to be carried through difficult times. We also pray for our planning for the parish memorial service in early November.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, at the start of this new week, help us to be an example to others and show us the practical steps we need to take to develop consistency and integrity in all that we do in our lives.

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