

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Intercessions for Fifth Sunday of Lent – 21st March 2021

The fifth Sunday of Lent marks the start of Passiontide – the last two weeks of our Lenten Journey

Everlasting God, your son chose twelve disciples to work together to spread the good news of the gospel to the whole world, help us as we work together in our parishes and churches for the common good for all we live with and serve. May we delight in sharing in each other's spiritual gifts and enabling everyone to make their own contribution however small. May we always be ready to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Creator God, we pray for peace in our world; may all lands that suffer violence and injustice find peace and reconciliation. We pray for the peoples of the world and all who offer their services in the leadership of the affairs of the world that they may uphold what is right and good. We pray particularly at this time for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through this challenging time of the global Pandemic. We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions about the Coronavirus, especially as the Lockdown Roadmap journeys forward.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Father God, we thank you for all those who help our community to run smoothly because of their jobs, voluntary work or neighbourliness. We pray for our refuse/recycling collectors, our Posties and Couriers, Supermarket/Milk /Pharmacy delivery drivers. For our Schools and Nurseries as they reopen. We pray for those considering standing for election in the County Council elections in May. Help us all to be supportive and encouraging and to step in to situations where we can serve. Bless our neighbours and strengthen those who are working in your name in order to bring healing and comfort to those in need.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Merciful God your Son Jesus Christ healed the lame with a touch and raised the dead with a word – hear our prayers today for those who are laid low by sorrow and illness, or by fear and weakness; breathe new life into them as we name them before you now.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, we thank you that our movement towards death and decay is not the final sentence in our life story. We thank you that by your faithfulness we are born to a new and living hope in a future where love will never be terminated and life will never end. May we always trust in you as we pray for those who have departed this earthly life.

We especially pray for those that we are helping with funeral ministry in the coming week. For the families of Ben, Margaret, Janet and Pauline

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Loving God as we go forth from this time of worship, and as we prepare for our churches to reopen in your Glorious Name, help us to remember that you do infinitely more for us than we can ask or imagine. Hear our prayers for all your creation and gather us in the embrace of your abundant and life-giving Spirit.

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

Your Prayer becomes Our Prayer

This week, here is a prayer from Pam Wood from Powick:

*Let your God love you...
Be silent, Be Still.
Alone, Empty before your God.
Say nothing. Ask Nothing,
Be Silent. Be Still.
Let your God look upon you.
That is all.
He Knows. He understands.
He loves you with an enormous love.
He only wants to look upon you with his love.
Quiet, still be.
Let your God – love you. Amen*

Remember - your prayer can be part of our prayer if you send it in!