

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Intercessions for Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Year B – 22nd August 2021

Everlasting God we come before you in this time of prayer to give you thanks for all you have done for us. Help us to be aware of your presence and hear your voice and make us always ready to obey and do your will. We pray for the church throughout the world and especially for our churches here across the Old Hills.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God the Psalmist asks you to “cut off the memory of those who do evil”. Help us to focus more on the victims than on the perpetrators and to constantly pray for peace in all of those parts of the world torn apart by war and terrorism. Give to world leaders and governments the wisdom and desire to make the right decisions and to work together for the good of all. We especially prayer for the unfolding situation in Afghanistan.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for our family, friends, and neighbours and for those around us with whom we work and share our daily lives. Give us a true awareness that we all share your world with others and help us to make our homes welcoming places that reflect our Christian beliefs and values.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Mighty God, be close to all who are frightened because they are ill. Reassure them that because of the knowledge that you have given to modern medicine that so many diseases can now be cured. We name before you now all those who are in need at this time.....

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God we remember and thank you for the lives and example of those who have died in the faith of Christ and for the privilege of sharing our lives with them. Be with those who mourn and open their minds that they may find hope and the will to carry on despite the heaviness of heart they are now experiencing.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Holy God thank you for helping us to pray; deepen our loving so that as daily we pray through this coming week we may do it with love and sincerity in sure and certain knowledge of your abiding presence.

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

Our Prayer becomes YOUR Prayer

Let us pray for two international situations that have occurred in the last few days. The CoE hasn't issued any specific prayers as yet, so base yours on the following:

Prayer for Afghanistan (from the Church of Scotland)

All-loving God, Your hands have fashioned every lovely corner of this treasured planet, and the beautiful land of Afghanistan is as precious as every other place Your children call 'home'. By its rivers and mountains, its fields and gardens, its busy towns and ancient villages, it is the heart's desire of its people and the place where their lives and loves are nurtured.

We grieve today with those who grieve over Afghanistan, the people who call it home indeed, the people exiled or suddenly having to leave, and the men and women from other countries who have made sacrifices in recent years in the cause of that country's future.

We remember with renewed sadness the loss of lives of military personnel during the years of this country's involvement in Afghanistan, conscious of the questions that must today be troubling the minds of those in our community who were bereaved, those who were wounded on operations, and those who were forever changed by experiences suffered there.

We pray for peace, dignity, freedom and confidence for the men, women and children of Afghanistan; for courage, vision and generosity within the international community responding to such need; and for tranquillity of mind amongst our own Service community and its wider family.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the peace-giver, we pray,
AMEN.

Prayer for Haiti after the earthquake (from Cafod)

Almighty God, in our distress and grief
help us to remember that you love us.
We do not understand why this great disaster
has happened but help us to trust you.
Loving Lord,
for those who have died, give them eternal rest
for those who are bereaved, comfort and console them
for those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.
Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers
and sisters in whatever way we can.
Heavenly Father be with us now and always.
Amen.