

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Intercessions for Bible

Sunday 24th October 2021

Everlasting God, we thank you that your written Word continues to inspire us, showing us who you are, how you love us, how we should live and what we can be. We thank you for all from our churches who contribute to worship by reading out your word. Give them and us discernment as we hear and inwardly digest the wisdom that we receive.

Thank you too for the way in which the Bible brings guidance, hope and health to people everywhere and we pray for the work of The Bible Society, Good News for Everyone (formally Gideons UK) and the Bible Reading Fellowship and its supporters that they too will be blessed through the varied work they do at home and globally to introduce the Bible to people's minds and hearts.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, we thank you that Scripture shows us that you care for the entire world and all its People. We especially pray for all migrants and refugees around the world, especially those from Afghanistan, that they would be able to unite themselves to the Holy Family who shared in their plight and would meet kindness and generosity in their search for a home. We give you thanks for the positive response from many countries and pray that this welcome be extended by many more.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, we pray for the victims of crime and the perpetrators of crime. Our police, legal and justice systems and those working with offenders that can be rehabilitated both in the prison service, probation and other charitable agencies. We pray for those public servants that are anxious about abuse or violence and we pray for families affected by tragedy in their lives.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God we pray our families and friends and our church community this Bible Sunday, may we all be renewed in our love of the Scriptures that through the study of your Word we might encounter Christ in them and allow ourselves to be transformed by his words and actions. We look forward to our Advent study of your Word.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Gracious God we pray for the sick, the lonely and the hurting in our community and for those who care for them. Help them to draw strength from the love of our Lord Jesus shown through the words of scripture. As we think of the power of your Word to set

captives free, we pray too for those who are chained by situations beyond their control or by sickness of body, mind or spirit. We pray for the work of our prison Chaplains at Long Lartin and Hewell Prisons, the prisoners and staff.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God we pray for all who have died; especially those who encouraged us in our faith by their Biblical understanding and teaching. As we pray for them, may they in turn continue to pray for us that we may stay true to our faith and by our example give similar encouragement to others.

We especially pray for Sheila Cook

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Holy God hear these and all our prayers and let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

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

Prayer for Prisons, Prisoners and those that staff our prisons at HMP Long Lartin (nr Evesham) and HMP Hewell (nr Redditch)

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day.

Amen

The Grace series will continue after All Souls

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