

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Bible Sunday - Intercessions for the Last Sunday after Trinity Year A – 25th October 2020

O Lord, we recognise your presence among us, and in this time of prayer we bring our needs to you.

This Bible Sunday we ask for understanding of your teachings through the scriptures so that we may be equipped to do your work. We pray that your word will be made known throughout the world so that everyone can read it in their own language. We give thanks for the work of organisations such as the Bible Society and The Gideons which aim to make the Bible more accessible across the globe, and the Bible Reading Fellowship which encourages us all to read the Bible regularly.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God, we hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dearly as our own needs. Help us to love you with all our hearts and with all our souls and with all our minds and to love our neighbours as ourselves. With these commandments before us we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the churches that surround the Old Hills in Malvern now.....

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, we pray for the peoples of the world that they may enjoy un-perverted justice whether they are poor or rich, great or small. We pray that those who use violence and terror to bring about their desires and those who then so readily seek revenge following acts of terrorism may instead pursue all that makes for peace.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, we thank you for our families and friends. We thank you for modern technology which enables us to hear and see them so easily and to keep in touch even though separated by great distances. We especially pray at this time for those friends and family members as they enjoy a half-term break from schools and colleges.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Holy God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has loosened our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift before you for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world especially in these difficult times with the ongoing Pandemic.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God of all consolation, your Son Jesus was moved to tears at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Look with compassion on those bereaved and grieving at the loss of a loved one; give to their troubled hearts the light of hope and strengthen in all of us the gift of faith, in Jesus Christ our Lord. We especially pray for the family of our Churches' Patron, Lady Morrison, as they grieve her passing into your care last Friday. We also pray for those that will visit our Field of Memories at Madresfield next weekend, and those that have named a cross in loving memory of a loved one lost but never forgotten.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, at the start of this new week, recognising your trust in us to live and preach the Gospel, make us always more ready to please you rather than to seek the praise of the secular world

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

Prayers for personal use on Bible Sunday

Two blessing prayers for the Bibles we use in church and home:

Lord, bless this Bible,
your precious Word
revealed to us
through prophet,
priest and king,
apostles lives,
and in the wisdom
of your Son.

Lord, bless this Bible,
your living Word
given to us
to be shared,
read aloud,
and acted on
through the worship
of our lives.