

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Intercessions for Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Year B – 29th August 2021

Heavenly Father who created us to be sisters and brothers in Christ, hear us as we lift our hearts in thanksgiving and praise and hear our prayers and intercessions for all those in need.

We thank you for the fellowship of the church family around us and as we gather once more in this house of prayer may our worship not only honour you with our lips, but also with our hearts and minds. We pray for our songs of praise on Sunday evening to reach new heights as we welcome the return of worship singing.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God we pray for peace in the world especially in Afghanistan. We pray for a time when the weapons of war will be replaced by your protection; when oppression will be overcome by justice; when lies and deceit will be replaced by truth and integrity; and when hatred and cruelty will be replaced with your Spirit of love and justice.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for our friends and neighbours and those around us with whom we work and share our daily lives. We thank you for all the joys and blessings of family life. Help us when we quarrel or fall out to quickly put things right and forgive one another.

We give thanks for the three weddings that we welcomed into our churches in the last week: we pray for Tom and Emily, Chris and Tori and Jake and Kelly-Anne as they start their married life together with you in their hearts.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God we raise before you all whose lives are restricted by illness. We remember the chronically ill, those in constant pain, the depressed and the despairing. We especially pray for those in our churches who need your healing touch in their lives:

(Add names of those requesting prayer)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us, and the fellowship of the church family around us until we are reunited once more in your

heavenly kingdom. We pray for those families that are mourning a loved one, especially those where our churches are helping with Funeral or Memorial arrangements:

David Saunders, Peter Jeynes, John Bartlett, Hilary Roberts, Martin Harbor (former Reader of Madresfield) and Pauline Cooper (Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God we have shared with you our petitions, requests and thanksgiving so we now ask for the blessing of your presence in the week ahead. We pray that you will guide us, guard us and keep us safe in all we do and say.

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

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.