

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Intercessions for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany – 31st January 2020

Loving Lord, today as we recall the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, and the beginnings of a life of love and service to us all, we open our hearts and minds to Him and bring our cares and concerns for your world and your people.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of every land and nation, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus Christ. We pray for our troubled world its peoples and their leaders. We pray for those caught up in war, and violence, and hatred; especially the innocent victims of these evils. May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that we may vanquish injustice and wrong. We pray too for the ongoing fight against the Coronavirus Pandemic around the World and for all governments and Health Services take appropriate steps for the good of their people. We pray for a fair access to the vaccinations being developed.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we long to see your will done here on earth as it is in heaven. We pray for our neighbours and our communities, not only with words but day by day, moment by moment, in the things we do and the way we do them. We pray for our three schools and nursery providers that are challenged by the Covid19 guidance.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Abundant God, be with those of us that desire and need your restoration and healing. We remember today all those who live in the depths of depression and mental illness or our lonely. Today, we ask for your blessing and healing touch upon them all especially for those additionally affected by the Coronavirus.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

The light given off by a candle reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world. We light our candle at home today to remind ourselves of Him and especially those who have died and gone before us. May those who have gone before us rest in your eternal peace. We remember before you those who have died, and we pray for all whose life is saddened by the death of a loved one, be with them in their loneliness.

We pray for Lyn Snook, Mildred Moss and Muriel Voce

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord God we pray for ourselves; as we start the week ahead, we ask that in all we do, we may, we walk more closely with you at our side safe in the knowledge that your Fatherly love and care knows no bounds.

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

Some General Intercessions from some very well-known people of Faith or not:

Lord we ask that you help us and defend us. Deliver the oppressed, inspire and encourage those who feel insignificant, raise the fallen, reveal yourself to those in need, bring healing to those who are sick, show your ways to those who are lost, raise up the hungry and weak, and take the shackles off those who feel trapped by circumstances and the world. May every nation come to know that you alone are God, that Jesus Christ is your child, that we are your people, the sheep of your pasture. **Amen** After St Clement of Rome 1st Century

My Lord God I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Amen Thomas Merton

O Lord, grant me to greet the coming day in peace. Help me in all things to rely upon thy holy will. In every hour of the day reveal thy will to me. Bless my dealings with all who surround me. Teach me to treat all that comes to me throughout the day with peace of soul, and with firm conviction that thy will governs all. In all my deeds and words guide my thoughts and feelings. In unforeseen events let me not forget that all are sent by thee. Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing others. Give me strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring. Direct my will, teach me to pray, pray thou thyself in me.

Amen Metropolitan Philaret of Moscow

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