

**Old Hills Malvern Churches
Weekly Intercessions**

Intercessions for Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 4th October 2020

(an additional set for Creationtide and the harvest is available for this week too)

Holy God you made our world to be like a vineyard and choose a people to be its tenants. May we who are now the workers in that vastly changed vineyard prove to be worthy of the work you trust us to do in Jesus' name.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Mighty God, we pray for our churches in this benefice; that Christ may be the cornerstone of all that we do in his name. May we, his living church be the solid blocks of a spiritual community which continues to hold fast in an ever secular world where what we do and say in your name might be ignored by the majority, but we pray for all, all the same.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God as we pray for our world we especially pray for all who like St Paul have suffered the loss of all things for the sake of their faith in Jesus Christ. We raise before you organisations like the Barnabas Fund which aids Christians living under persecution or in threatening environments with finance and prayers. We join our prayers with them as we ask for courage and strength for all persecuted Christians, their communities and churches. We prayer for Tearfund as we gather in our donations for the harvest waste collection in the coming week – from our churches schools and generous individuals who have responded to the call to be generous.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, we thank you for the joy of human love, and for all those among whom we live and work. We pray particularly for loved ones who worry us with their health, or circumstances, or life direction. We pray for those among our friends and families who do not know you, or whose faith has been shaken.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus can free us from our burdens and heal our bodies and spirits. We pray for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. We pray for those receiving treatment in hospitals or hospices at this time. We pray too for those suffering from the Corona Virus, the Health Service struggling to cope with the Pandemic and all those simply living in the fear of contracting it.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, as we pray for all departed this life help us to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. May those who have shared his sufferings have become like him in his death, and through that suffering and sharing attained the resurrection from the dead. We pray for all those mourning in our parishes, church goers or not.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God, as we move into the coming week to live and work for the Gospel, help us to travel onwards with our eyes on the goal, to that place where you are beckoning us, onward to Jesus.

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