

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Intercessions for the Third Sunday of Lent – 7th March 2021

Everlasting God, be with us in this time of prayer, and help us to feel your presence. Mindful of the Commandments that you gave to Moses we pray that you would be worshiped above all else in our land and that we can at all times be given the strength to reject the idolatry of our secular world.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Faithful God we pray for the church throughout the world and especially for our parishes here. May we continue to reach out to others in our communities with help, love and support. Be with us as we discern a way to resume gathered worship in our churches. We hold our three Church Schools in our prayers as they reopen to all pupils and staff.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Creator God, we pray for the governments of the world, that they may always seek for peaceful solutions in their dealings with other nations and rule their own countries with compassion and justice. At this time of the worldwide Pandemic, we especially pray for the leaders of our countries, states, and cities, as they seek to help manage the challenges of the economic impact of the virus, in travel, manufacturing, hospitality, energy or so many other industries.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our families, friends and neighbours and for the people with whom we work or share our daily lives. We pray for those who are lonely, those isolated because of Coronavirus and those who find it difficult to make friends or be accepted.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, we pray for all who are in pain or are suffering at this time. We remember especially those who are facing long or incurable illnesses. We especially remember Prince Philip and the Royal Family at this time. In a moment of quietness, we pray for them, and any we know who are in any kind of need at this time.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, we pray for those we love but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. We remember before God those who have recently died especially.....

Lyn Snook, Mary Thomas and Pauline Cooper

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Faithful God, as we turn from our worship into the Marketplace which is our world, we thank you for the help you give us to resist the temptations that will face and conquer in the weeks ahead.

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

Your Prayer for Our Prayers

Two prayers have been received for your use this week:

For those grieving or mourning a loss (from Kris)

Lord, in Your Mercy, we ask You to hold all those who are bereaved in your loving tender arms and heal their hearts. Death is a black cloud that threatens to envelope us in these dark times and does its best to diminish, but we have faith in knowing that, if we ask You, You will provide us with sufficient strength to lift ourselves out of this cloud and to show us a different way of living; that You will grant us peace and help us, by degrees, to overcome our grief.

Give us the wisdom and guidance that will lead us into Your perfect life, however difficult it may seem at times. And may we never lose sight of Your loving presence within each of us. Amen

The following prayer has been in Thea's handbag for longer than she cares to remember:

Dear Lord,

So far today, God, I've done all right. I've kept my mouth shut, I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or over-indulgent. I'm really glad about that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Thank you - in Jesus' Name, Amen.

(after St James' Church, Washington)