

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Intercessions for Easter 6 – 9th May 2021 - Rogation Sunday

Rogation is connected to the Latin word for asking and refers to a traditional time of praying for agriculture. Traditionally celebrated on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the Sixth Sunday in Easter, Rogation Services have been a time to pray for planting and for those working with the land. In rural areas, many people bless the elements used in farming, the fields, the seeds and their animals, a blessing of gardens, our rural businesses, schools and places of hospitality can also be done. It might also be a time to show gratitude for soil, water and growth, and to challenge congregation members to think carefully of the food they eat, their care of water, earth and seed. As a prayer theme for this week, pray for these things and give thanks for God's creating and loving glory.

Prayer for Rogation

Heavenly Father,

We bring before you all those whose lives and livelihoods revolve around land and season. We pray for all who till the soil and tend the crops,

For all who cherish beast and fowl,

For all who harvest and prepare our food.

We ask that you will protect them from harm as they go about their daily duties.

Guard them from the dangers of fatigue and loneliness.

Share the burden of climate and financial worries.

Above all Father, bring them home safely at the end of each day.

We ask this in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

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General Intercessions

Faithful God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us a new commandment, of love for each other and so we ask you to teach us to love you in our neighbours that by serving them we might also serve you.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Mighty God, we pray for your church which day by day gathers to praise you and to hear your holy word. We pray for our Christian sisters and brothers worshipping around the world in small rural churches, great city cathedrals and

on the internet. Give us here in our parishes a sense of expectation as we come and inspiration as we go. Bless our Lay Ministers and ALMS - Julia, Meg, Vicky and Kay - and those with Permission to Officiate whose preaching and teaching inspire us with the message of your love and salvation.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, may our closeness to family and friends make us never exclusive, shutting others out, but always inclusive, welcoming others. Encourage us in outgoing hospitality and keep us from becoming possessive with those we love.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God, help us all to be a part of the healing ministry of your church. Encourage us to constantly pray for those we know who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit and from the Coronavirus. Deepen our love for our neighbours especially those who are weak, help us

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love and with those whom we love and have gone before us. We pray now for those who have recently died; give to the departed the perfect joy of your eternal love and to those bereaved by their passing the consolation of Your perfect love.

Ken Mann, Valerie Humbles, Rose Davis. - and anyone whose sad anniversary we are remembering at this time.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Holy God, send us out into the world today mindful that as witnesses and servants, we should make you known in every place we visit and bear witness to the Gospel with acts of faith and hope and love.

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