

Intercessions for Third Sunday of Easter Year A – 26th April 2020

Holy God, as we gather for worship and fellowship with you- at home, on our own or together or on line with each other via the Zoom Worship, walk with us as individuals and as the Church of God on our Road to Emmaus. Open our eyes, as you did with Jesus' companions, to the reality and truth of the resurrection.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

We pray for our Ministers, lay or ordained who preach the Gospel bringing a light to those in darkness and words of love to those in need of comfort in this time of closed churches and congregations locked down in their home. Thank you for the hard work of all clergy who are using social media and the internet to keep us informed, inspired and comforted by online resources, the occasional worship, preaching and teaching and even a quiz.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God your son walked the roads and tracks of the Holy Land and taught us to seek your hand in the beauty and wonders of earth and sea and the sky. We so often see too much of the evidence of poor stewardship in our surroundings and it is easy to forget that the world belongs to you. Help us to recognise your presence in our modern world, and help us to use more wisely the resources of the earth.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Saviour, who walks with us on our life's journey. We pray for all who travel with us in our family, among our friends and within this community. We pray for a deepening awareness of our need for one another and of your image in the hearts of everyone we meet.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God, send your son to walk with those we know who are going through a time of suffering and pain. Help us to always be aware of one another's needs and to respond accordingly and assist them with words and deeds on to the road of recovery. We pray for those affected by COVID19 and those caring for them. We also pray for those with other health conditions and concerns, physical or mental, that are too afraid to seek the help they need and are suffering. Give them the confidence to seek that help.

(add names of those requesting prayer)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God accompany those travelling, through the valley of death and may our love and prayers support those who walk that journey today.

We pray for the families of those supported by graveside or shortened chapel services in the past week, and those coming up in the week ahead. We pray for those at home following the new funeral service of reflection – as attendance is restricted by COVID19 but grief is not restricted by distance, or number attending.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God as we go from our worship today, out into your world, we thank you for walking alongside us wherever we travel and, if like those first disciples, we fail to be aware of you forgive us for our human weakness and open our eyes to see you as a constant companion and friend.

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