

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Intercessions for The Day of Pentecost – 31st May 2020

Mighty God, as we are gathered together, not physically but spiritually, joined in hope and in faith, we ask you to minister to our needs. Send the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Holy God, we pray for our church leaders, that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit and that the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture. That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, discrimination and the present Covid-19 Pandemic.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we pray for our Church communities across both parishes, that each of us, in these strange times, will be open to the opportunities to give of our individual talents enabling each church to flourish as a witness to the “One Body” of the church. We pray that each baptized Christian may develop more fully his or her response to all the gifts which the Spirit bestows for the service of the Body of Christ,

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God we pray for your world and its peoples with all their needs, questions and longings. So often we struggle to understand the reasons behind things like the Corona Virus; and yet we know that in the midst of such events your love is shown in the acts of bravery, selflessness and compassion which we are seeing all around us especially by our health services and those in the wider community who continue to serve our needs. We especially pray for our schools and shops that contemplate reopening in the next few weeks.

We pray for all who suffer in such dreadful circumstances and for those who are tasked with providing the medical and community support and, eventually, in the long task of reconstruction.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all those who are sick; guide them and strengthen them through their illness. We pray also for those who care for the sick, those engaged in the caring professions and for family members who look after loved ones and especially for children who care for parents.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, pray for all those who have died: give them a place at your banquet in heaven. May the Holy Spirit, who purifies us of sin and raises the dead, bring all our departed loved ones into the fullness of your presence. We pray for all of those families we have supported by funeral ministry and for anyone known by us that is facing bereavement or loss at this time.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Everlasting God, on this Day of Pentecost, we rejoice in the wonderful gift of your Spirit. Send him again into our hearts, into our lives, and into our world.

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