

Intercessions for 28 April 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

Lord, we come to you in the assurance that you are present with us now. We do not have to seek your presence. We are daily living in your presence. Make us aware of it. Make it real for us. And help us in these moments of prayer to know that we are speaking to one who is near and not far off, whose love is all around us and who knows our every need.

Lord Jesus, we ask you to guide us to understand more fully how we are called to serve you and bear witness to the good news of your resurrection. We earnestly seek your way, your truth, but frequently don't know how to find it, or don't recognise it when we see it. Strengthen our desire to grow in faith through worship and the study of scripture, whether alone or in groups.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Almighty Father, we give thanks for all those who lead our worship in this place, especially Kia, Virginia, Martha and Hugh. We pray for that person, as yet not known to us, who will be inspired to be our next Associate Minister. We ask your blessing on our newly-elected PCC, and give thanks for all who serve this church in many ways.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for our community, our families and friends. As we approach local elections, we ask your blessing and guidance on all who seek election to serve this community, that those elected will serve the whole community without favour or bias. We ask for your blessing on all children and students who will be sitting important exams over the coming weeks.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Prince of Peace, we continue to hold in our prayers all those communities that are blighted by war. We earnestly pray for an end to hostilities and the release of hostages in Gaza. We pray for refugees everywhere, and we pray that the authorities of countries receiving them will deal with them fairly and treat them with dignity.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Loving Lord, we ask you to be with all who are suffering any kind of affliction, whether of mind, body or spirit...

We especially pray for all who are troubled by doubt in their faith, or have lost their sense of purpose in their lives.

In a moment of silence we pray for all those known to us personally...

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