

## Intercessions – St. Mary’s Holmbury 15/01/2023

Gracious Father, Creator, Master, Redeemer and Friend, we come to your throne of grace with all our concerns, fears and needs but conscious of your unquenchable love for us and your power to help and to heal. We are full of thanks to you for the way that you have protected us, provided for us and led us in times past and your promise never to leave us nor forsake us. Above all we thank and praise you for the gift of your dear Son Jesus.

Thank you, Father, that you welcome everyone into your family, without qualification or distinction. We pray particularly for Niamh Ada Flannery, baptised today, and her family and godparents. Lord hold her close and may she shine brightly for you throughout her life. Strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may serve you and those around us, and may we be transformed day by day into the likeness of Christ.

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

Healer of the nations, we pray for the true peace that comes from God alone. We cry to you to bring an end to conflicts in Ukraine, the Yemen, Syria, DRC and other war-torn parts of the world. We pray for peace and justice within and between nations, and for a just sharing of resources. As some countries bear the brunt of the effects of global warming, help all governments to accept our joint responsibility both to help those most affected and to tackle the root causes. We pray for our King, and the Royal Family, asking for a healing of rifts and godly leadership. Guide and equip the prime minister, his cabinet and all those in positions of leadership both nationally and locally to govern with wisdom, integrity and compassion.

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

Merciful Lord, touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by pain and overwhelming problems and sorrow. Those recently bereaved. Those imprisoned by addiction. Those who are lonely, and those experiencing family breakdown. Be close to anyone who feels their life has no meaning and to those who feel they have reached the end of their resources. Warm them with your love and give them enough for today.

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We also pray for ...

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Let us finish with our prayer for the month:

For all the possibilities ahead in this new year, make us thankful, O Lord. Give us wisdom, courage and discernment in the face of so much chaos, despair and fear. Help us to see how, in our circumstances, we can contribute towards peace, faith and love; and give us the will to translate our desires into action.

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of you dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen**