

Intercessions for Sunday 27th June 2021 (Fourth Sunday After Trinity)

Lord, teach us to pray.

Make us conscious of your presence in our midst.

Give us the freedom of the Holy Spirit.

Enlarge our vision and increase our faith.

May our words and thoughts be now acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

We ask you to bless your Church with the humility that was in Christ. May your people have the grace to share the riches that Christ brought to fallen humanity.

We especially ask your blessing on all those in leadership roles within our Church, that they will exercise their authority with both wisdom and humility.

We ask you to bless all those who are being confirmed in this church later today, and we give thanks for their commitment. Keep them firm and faithful in the promises that they are making.

Lord, in your mercy... *hear our prayer.*

Lord, with your Spirit, move the wills of those who control the resources of the world, that there may be a more just distribution of those resources. We think especially of those nations that are struggling to obtain the vaccines they need to bring the pandemic under control. We continue to pray for an end to armed conflict in Yemen, in Syria, in Tigray, and in sub-Saharan Africa.

Lord, in your mercy... *hear our prayer.*

Give us the grace to share the burdens of our friends and neighbours. Help us to be more aware of the hardships suffered by others in our midst – poverty, loneliness, despair, anxiety, a stressful job – and to find sensitive ways of helping them through their difficulties. Guide us to listen and respond to those who call to us for help.

Lord, in your mercy... *hear our prayer.*

Have compassion on all who suffer from long-term ill health. At this time, we ask you to be with all those who are suffering the long-term effects of Covid infections, and also all those whose treatment for chronic conditions has been delayed and disrupted by the pandemic, putting their health at greater risk. We give thanks for the work of all those – doctors, nurses and carers – who care for the long-term and terminally ill.

Bring comfort, Lord, to all families with terminally-ill children or who mourn for the loss of children.

In a moment's silence, we pray for all those known to us personally who are suffering from long-term ill health.

Lord, in your mercy... *hear our prayer.*

Gracious Father, help us to glorify you in all our thoughts, words and deeds, that we may be truly following in the footsteps of Christ, our Lord.

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