

Prayers for 17 May 2020

I will be using the bidding “God of life and love” and you respond with “Graciously hear us”.

Let us pray

Lord, today we recall your faithfulness.

Thank you that you walk with us every day, that you are with us in each moment.

Thank you that your promises are true, and your goodness never fails us.

Dear Lord, we pray that we continually see, hear and feel your presence because you live and you live in us.

God of life and love;
Graciously hear us.

In this time of turmoil...

We pray for the Prime Minister and Party Leaders, The Cabinet, Shadow Cabinet and Trade Unions as they make daily decisions that affect all our lives. Father give them your wisdom and vision to act with integrity.

We pray for the media as they interpret events for the nation:
Holy Spirit, give them your truth and compassion.

We pray for ourselves for our fears about the future, for those concerned about shortages of the essential things they need for living. May we continue to speak hope and love to our neighbours and embody courage in the face of the uncertainty surrounding the future, remembering that you are in everything including the pain.

God of life and love;
Graciously hear us.

We pray for all our workplaces especially now people are going back to work with many feeling vulnerable and unsure of their safety. May we have the courage to speak about our troubles and may those who are able to hear listen well.

We are acutely aware of the tremendous efforts, sacrifices and services being giving in this country and across the world. We think especially of those using and providing public transport.

God of life and love;
Graciously hear us.

We are also acutely aware of the sadness being felt by many. We particularly bring before you:

Christian Aid as Christian Aid week ends

South Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Action Group and other Groups working with Asylum seekers and migrants

NHS workers, home care teams and their families

Mental health services and all seeking help at this time.

Residents, relatives and the staff at local care homes.

Staff teams at local funeral directors and crematoria.

God of life and love;
Graciously hear us.

Loving God, please comfort those who sit in any darkness, whether it be illness, accident, confusion, unemployment, or grief. We continue to remember:

Carol, Grace, James, Margaret, Susan and Norman, Sarah and Marguerite.

Hear the names of those also in need of your healing...

Annegret, Christine, Gordon, Ian & Anne, Jacob, Jack, Jill, Lisa, Liz, Lynda, Naomi, Peggy, Sheila

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Graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently in this community and beyond and for their grieving families and friends, including:

Anthony, Audrey, Jean, Liz, Matt, Pam, Pat, Violet

We include in our prayers remembrance of all those whom we love, but see no longer.

May our prayers expand your love and fill our hearts with your compassion

God of new life.
May we live and hope as your faithful people.
Amen.