Intercessions Sunday 2 August 2020

Let us pray:

We pray for places damaged and degraded by our activities, for people scraping a living from a land made fruitless by our greed. For the millions of hungry children.

Especially we hold to God charities working to relieve the impact of Corona virus on top of famine and war in the Yemen and for those nations participating in the arms trade in that area to stop these criminal policies and actions.

Here in South Yorkshire, we remember Assist and the Migration and Asylum Action Group and their involvement with Urban House Initial Accommodation Centre in Wakefield.

Holy Spirit of God, we hold to you creation breathed in to life by you. Help us to live sparingly and thoughtfully and to care about your creation.

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We pray for the Diocese of Sheffield and for Bishop Pete and Bishop Sophie.

At St Mark's, we commit the phased re – opening of the church building with the option to gather for worship. We thank you for the teams who help us to continue online worship in our homes and especially for Sarah, our administrator, the Zoom team and for David Willington and the Choir. We hold to you the members and helpers of St Mark's lunch and Friendship Club as they continue to connect by telephone and newsletter

Lord Jesus, as we celebrate your transfiguration this week, look with mercy on your body the church in your world scarred as we are by the evils of prejudice, silence, ignorance, fear, hypocrisy and abuse of power. Grant us forgiveness and the grace to confront those things which grieve you and prevent others from seeing you in us and your creation. May we become a community of love and compassion – a place of extravagant diversity.

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Inspiring Holy Spirit, we pray for an awareness for all in any kind of need and adversity, those on our hearts and minds struggling with loneliness and alone ness, those who are unwell or recovering from illness or accident:

for David, Mary, Lee, Patty and Stephen.
for Alan, Bas, Charlotte and her family, Ian and Anne, John, Kathleen, Liz, Lynda, Mary, Naomi, Pauline, Richard, Ted.

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Crucified, risen and ascended Lord Jesus, we pray for all those who have died recently in this community and beyond and for their grieving family and friends, including: Maureen and Ruth. May those who have gone before us rest in your eternal peace. May we who mourn know your presence in our living and loving day by day.

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