

Prayers for 8 November 2020

Let us pray for the Church and the World and let us thank God for his goodness.

Almighty God help us to love our neighbours as ourselves as we offer our thanks and our intercessions on behalf of the church here in the Sheffield and throughout the world.

May the points of connection between St John's Ranmoor, St Mary's Walkley and St Mark's be strengthened as we seek to be beacons of hope within our communities.

Everlasting God may we always be ready to follow your ways, and to continually deepen our understanding of the way that you would like Your Kingdom values lived out in the world.

Your Kingdom come.

Your will be done.

May we experience freedom from hunger and thirst on a daily basis especially at this barren time for many whose lives and livelihoods are threatened. We bring before you also all those who are battling with other health problems not related to Covid that cannot be treated. We bring before you all those grappling with decision making while managing the competing issues of the pandemic. We pray for us all during this second lockdown, especially those who were already fearful and feeling lonely and isolated. May we truly understand what it is to believe and trust in you.

Your Kingdom come.

Your will be done.

We pray for all the staff in our care homes as they try to protect residents from Coronavirus.

We hold in our hearts individuals, families, charities and communities struggling as a result of a reduction in income and organisations trying to bridge the gap offering emergency food provision and support.

Your Kingdom come.

Your will be done.

We pray for the United States of America as it confronts the divisions highlighted again by the election on November 3. May our democratic processes be free from corruption, unfairness and injustice.

Open the hearts of those with power both elected and non-elected and give them compassion in all that they do for the good of the people that they lead. May they treat all people with love and positive regard regardless of race, religion or sexuality.

Your Kingdom come.

Your will be done.

We pray for all human beings, that we will be filled with a spirit of concern for the future of our environment; bring an end to the exploitation of the earth's scarce resources and the pollution caused by waste. May we live as responsible stewards protecting and respecting this gift of creation placed in our hands.

Your Kingdom come.

Your will be done.

We continue to hold in our prayers:

Carol, James, John G, Liz C, Margaret, Marguerite, Susan and Norman, Sarah, Pauline

We pray for those who are unwell, mourning, or recovering from illness or accident

Alistair, Anne and Annick, Charlotte, Ian & Anne, John S, Judith, Lily, Lois, Marjorie K, Mary T, Naomi, Norma, Rachel and her family, Ryan, Zuandi

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We pray for those who have died recently in this community and beyond and for their grieving families and friends, including all those who have died as a result of terrorism or any criminal act, war or natural disaster:

We name before you:

Eileen P, Francena, Gillian, Pam M, Marjorie W, Sheila P, Amelia, Phoebe, Simeon and Zoe who all died in a car crash.

We also remember all those whom we love, but no longer see.

May your light shine upon them forever and our lives be richer because of their memory.

Your Kingdom come.

Your will be done.

Lord God, you hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our anger and sorrow, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts.

God of justice, truth and love.

Inspire us with your Spirit to let your Kingdom come. Amen.