

Intercessions 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Lu Skerratt

Loving God,

We hold in your tender embrace all the people that are so special to us in all sorts of different ways. We thank you for the gifts of friendship, laughter, late night conversations, hellos on the street, waves through the window and surprise phone calls. Remind us God, that even when we feel too busy, there is always room for a friend.

Lord of all life and love,

**Hear our prayer**

God of Justice,

We thank you for the gift of freedom. The ability to take a deep breath under the Big Sky and know we are eternally loved by you. We pray particularly for those who are not free and ask you to accompany them as they encounter each new day with courage and bravery. Be with all who fight for the right to be free.

We give thanks that Sheffield is a city of sanctuary and that our congregation includes individuals who have been granted asylum in this country. We pray that the freedom and basic rights of all migrants and refugees waiting for their claim to be processed will be respected and they will be treated with compassion and dignity.

Lord of all life and love,

**Hear our prayer**

God of the small moments,

We hold before you your beautiful creation that often we treat so badly. We thank you for all the places in Sheffield and beyond where we can see glimpses of your beauty on earth, even if it's just through a window. In the small moments, like when a cloud passes over the sun, remind us of your presence, ever guiding us towards the light.

Lord of all life and love,

**Hear our prayer**

God of honesty,

We thank you that we can be totally honest with you, bringing our whole selves and knowing that whatever we feel or say, you will never reject or abandon us. We pray for all those who hold our honest stories, our fears and our dreams with kindness and compassion and we pray that our stories and our honest selves can lead to a more just world.

Lord of all life and love,

**Hear our prayer**

God of healing,

We bring before you those who are unwell, mourning, or recovering from illness or accident, especially Annick, David, Lee, Linda, Marguerite, Mary, Maurice, Michael, Naomi, Pat and Barbara, Patty, Richard and Rosemary, and Stuart.

Lord of all life and love,

**Hear our prayer**

God of the ordinary,

We hold before you all who we love, miss, mourn and treasure in our hearts. We especially think about those who have as a result of Coronavirus alongside Anthea, Eluned, James, John and Wendy

As we go about our ordinary days in these extraordinary times help us to remember that the constant drum of your love beats on, from birth, to death, to new life.

Lord of all life and love,

**Hear our prayer**