

INTERCESSIONS 21 FEBRUARY 2021

A Lutheran prayer

O God, you created all people in your image.
We thank you for the astonishing variety
of races and cultures in this world.
Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship,
and show us your presence
in those who differ most from us,
until our knowledge of your love is made perfect
in our love for all your children;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, we thank you for the diversity of the Anglican Communion and for the diversity of our city and our parish. Guide the members of our Lent Groups that they may gain new insights into your kingdom.

God, spirit of infinite compassion,
May our lives reflect your love

We thank you that our city is a city of sanctuary and that our congregation includes individuals who have been granted asylum in this country. We pray that the rights of those who have made asylum claims may be respected and they will be treated with compassion and dignity.

God, spirit of infinite compassion,
May our lives reflect your love

Lord, we remember those who are struggling at this time with poverty and indebtedness and those suffering from mental health problems. We pray for those in the Third World seeking to support themselves through productive work and for Fair Trade Fortnight starting tomorrow. We thank you for all those who support others in need and those who campaign on their behalf.

God, spirit of infinite compassion,
May our lives reflect your love

We pray for those who are unwell, mourning, or recovering from illness or accident Annick, David, Lee, Linda, Marguerite, Mary, Michael, Naomi, Pat and Barbara, Patty, Richard and Rosemary, Stuart

*We pray for those who have lost loved ones as a result of Coronavirus alongside those who have died recently in this community and beyond Anthea, Armando, Dorothy, James, John, Eluned (pronounced **Linnard**), Maurice, Wendy

and for their grieving families and friends, including: Erendira, Jean, Mel, Brendon and Mark

We hold in our hearts all those whom we love, but no longer see.

God of justice, truth and love;
Inspire us with your Spirit to let your kingdom come. Amen.