

INTERCESSIONS: SUNDAY 11 APRIL 2021

Some words from the Gospel: 'Jesus said to them again: 'Peace be with you. As my father has sent me, so I send you.' Some words from Acts: 'Now the company of them that believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that they possessed was his own but they had everything in common.'

Lord, help us to be inspired by the resurrection and by the example of the apostles and the early Christians. Help us to see our possessions as not really ours but as in trust from you. We pray for the charities that many of us support, that they may act with generosity, integrity and compassion.

Risen Christ.

We long to see your love.

We pray for refugees and for those who seek to help them, including SYMAAG, the Yorkshire Refugee Foodbank, City of Sanctuary and ASSIST. Give wisdom to those in the Home Office who take decisions about individual refugees and devise policies affecting refugees.

Risen Christ.

We long to see your love.

We thank you for the dedication and skill of all those involved in the vaccine programme in this country. We pray for our country as it gradually emerges from lockdown. We pray for generosity from the rich nations so that vaccination can be spread to every country and the whole world become safer as a result.

Risen Christ.

We long to see your love.

We thank you for all those who have ensured that St Mark's has continued to fulfil its mission in the difficult circumstances of the past year. We pray for our church – and its partner churches – in the new phase which is now about to begin. And we pray for our Annual General Meeting at the end of the month.

Risen Christ.

We long to see your love.

We pray that those who are suffering may receive the help they need. We remember the staff and residents in our local care homes. We continue to hold in our prayers; David, Lee, Liz, Margaret & Susan, Mary, Patty

We pray for those who are unwell, mourning, or recovering from illness or accident Annick, Betty, Debra, Marguerite, Norman, Sarah, 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

Beryl Gready, Eleanor Neely, Lilian, Pamela Hall, Pete Hand, Vicky, Winefred

and for their grieving families and friends, including: Russell and Duncan.

God of new life:

May we live and hope as your faithful people. Amen.

