

Our Prayers & Intercessions for Pentecost
(Please include details of people and situations of personal concern)

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ let us pray to the Father.

Loving God we pray for the Church universal; for Christians of all denominations, that all who profess the Christian faith may be true disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray especially for those who are being persecuted for their faith that the Holy Spirit may be alongside, supporting, encouraging and the Spirit known to them in their time of trial.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God we pray for the world, for your Holy creation. We hold before you all humanity and especially those in desperate need. We pray for a time when justice, peace and dignity will be the lot of all humankind.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God we pray for all who have been affected by the coronavirus. We pray that all governments may work together, in harmony, for the common good; that effective treatments may be established and a working vaccine speedily found.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God we pray that the present transition from “lockdown” may proceed smoothly and safely. We pray that all may, Keep Well & Keep Safe.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give thanks and praise for all the professionals and volunteers who are working through the pandemic, often at risk to themselves, to ensure basic life may continue. Lord we express our grateful thanks for their service to us and ask that you would bless each and every one. We particularly remember those who have died in the service of others, praying for their bereaved families.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (and we remember especially) give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, (.....), according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love. Merciful Lord,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen**

A Prayer of Commitment

Holy Spirit of God;
Be in me,
Live in me,
Grow in me,
Consume me.

Holy Spirit of God;
Make me
What you would have me be.
Amen.

In the scriptures the word circle represents wholeness, perfection, eternity and in the Christian theology of God Circle represents the perfect union and unity of the Trinity which, was at the forefront of Celtic Spirituality.

This beautiful prayer to begin a day blessed and given to us by God.

Circle of God, open my heart.
Circle of wisdom. Enlighten my mind.
Circle of trust, protect my path.
Circle of healing, grant me life.
Today we draw a circle of love around you all,
to keep you from harm.
In the name of the Father who bore you;
In the name of the Son who loves you;
In the name of the Spirit who lives in you:
Receive the protection of the Trinity of power.
Amen.

A Prayer of Quiet Reflection

Living God, speak into the depths of our experience,

Speak the word that stills our fears

And calms our anxieties:

'Peace be with you.'

Speak your word to the lonely and to the broken,

To the bereaved and to those whose world has crumbled:

'Peace be with you.'

Faithful God, speak to us behind locked doors

As we remember others, who risk their own safety,

In order to serve others:

Peace be with them.

Carers and nurses, doctors and ambulance drivers,

Delivery drivers and shop assistants:

Peace be with them.

God who inspires Hope, speak to us in the present

And speak to us of the future,

For though the doors are locked, in time they shall be open:

Peace shall be renewed.

For those who lead the life of our Nation: Our Queen Elizabeth

and Prime Minister; and all who shape our common life,

For us all: Peace shall be renewed.

God whose name is love and whose gift is love,

Open our hearts to know you and to love you,

To love you and to love our neighbour

And as we do, to hear again: 'Peace be with you.'

May we find our strength in you,

And hear again:

'Peace be with you.'