

## **Intercessions for Tenth Sunday after Trinity: 16th August 2020**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of friends and loved ones before Him. And so, loving our neighbours as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

*(Short Silence)*                      *Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

Faithful God, we pray today O Lord for your blessing to be upon the congregations of the West Hereford Team, and for your presence to be seen in what we do and say each day. We pray that your joy and your love will flow freely in and through us and that we might never be a temptation to those around us.

*(Short Silence)*                      *Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

Creator God, we pray for all in authority that they may not be tempted to abuse or misuse their power. We continue to pray for persecuted Christian believers and for minority Christian communities where they are under pressure and for all who suffer for their faith.

*(Short Silence)*                      *Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

Father God, we pray for the times when our blinkered vision prevents us from taking care of our immediate family and household or when through our busyness, we take no part in the life of our neighbourhood or the wider community.

*(Short Silence)*                      *Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

Loving God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus can free us from our burdens and heal our bodies and spirits. We pray for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. We pray too for those suffering from addiction of any kind. And we continue to pray for those affected by the Pandemic in any way, especially for those who will not recover.

*(Short Silence)*                      *Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

Merciful God, we commend into your hands those who have departed this life. You gave them breath and loved them through their journey of life. Receive them now at the end of that journey into your eternal presence and may they rest in everlasting peace.

*(Short Silence)*                      *Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

Gracious God, we pray that we may reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can witness that we are followers of Christ and draw others into his loving care.

**Merciful Father Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**