

Intercessions for Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 20th September 2020

Holy God, you have called us; and so we offer to you our prayers which stem from our love for you and our love and concern for those we love and for the people of the world.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, when the Church joins together, we can show people a much fuller picture of Jesus and His Kingdom. We pray for your church, and the churches in our local community, and ask that there will be a growing desire to not only worship together, but also to look up and reach out. We give you thanks for those who come up with fresh ways of making your name known to the wider community and for those who work so hard to make worship possible through online and virtual services

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray not only for the victims but for the perpetrators of evil and violence in our world; for all governments which run on corruption and fear. We pray for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, forgive us when we waste our lives by being too busy to enjoy your creation. Teach us how to make spaces in the day to do the things we most enjoy. Just as you rested from your work, help us to practise the discipline of recreation and help me to become your hands and feet in my street so that my neighbours will one day ask me to tell them more about you.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, help those we know and love to turn away from habits which are harmful to them. Help them to turn to you in times of crisis, rather than reaching for quick-fix solutions. Lord, we also bring to you those we know who are ill or suffering in any way. Give them healing and restore them in body, mind and spirit. We especially pray for.....

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, we remember in your presence all those who have died, and particularly those we have known and loved. Thank you for them and thank you for your promise of eternal life and peace. Be close to those who are recently bereaved, strengthen them with the knowledge that you are always there to lean on and to be carried through difficult times.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, at the start of this new week, help us to be an example to others and show us the practical steps we need to take to develop consistency and integrity in all that we do in our lives.
Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.