

## **Intercessions for Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 6th September 2020**

Through these prayers, we come with an openness to express our concerns for the Church and the world, to the God of compassion and gracious understanding.

Everlasting God, whenever we start to get offended by your generosity or open-mindedness, give us the grace to repent and join your rejoicing. Guard the Church against self-righteousness and all rules and limits which you would not own, but keep always before us the rule of love.

(Short Silence)

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

Creator God, increase in us love 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. We pray too for all those who are researching the Covid-19 Pandemic asking that they be successful in finding a way forward for all humanity.

(Short Silence)

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

Father God, may our closeness to family and friends make us never exclusive shutting others out, but always inclusive, welcoming others. Encourage us in outgoing hospitality and keep us from becoming possessive with those we love. We ask this whilst remembering the rules of social distancing where it is both appropriate and the safe thing to do.

(Short Silence)

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

Loving God, we pray for all offenders in prison, that on release they will not re-offend but find enough support to start a new life in the community. We pray for all who are vulnerable and unable to cope with the demands of life, for alcoholics, drug addicts and all who are sick in mind. We pray for proper, compassionate help for them.

(Short Silence)

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

Merciful God, we pray for those who have died alone, unmourned and unnoticed. We pray for those who have taken their own lives or died in accidents of their own making. We commend them, and all who have died, to your merciful love.

(Short Silence)

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

Faithful God, thank you for helping us to pray; deepen our loving so that as we pray through this coming week we may do it with your heart of compassion.

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