

## **INTERCESSIONS 4 FEB 2024**

Lord Jesus, the living Word made flesh, you promised that the Father would always hear us when we pray in faith through you. We thank you for your willingness to come and be among us, to live as we live, to suffer and to die for us. It is through grace that we have forgiveness for all our wrongdoings, and that you are always with us to help and guide us and live our lives fully through you. So hear us, Lord, as we pray for the church, our world, and our local community.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, we pray for your church throughout the world. We bring before you all who minister to us in our churches and all who work behind the scenes to allow our churches to run smoothly. We pray for our Youth Worker Andy and his work with the young people of Tiptree, that he may be able to guide and support them while letting them know more of your love. We thank you for all the families who came to Messy Church on Friday, that they may have enjoyed the activities and learnt more about you. We pray for Jackson and his family as they prepare to move to where you are calling them next and we ask your support for Anne-Marie as she works to lead us all. Please, Lord, help her to deal with emails that come in faster than she can read them, to discern where your will is for her work, that she may be able to deal with those issues of most importance.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord Jesus there is so much pain in our world. We think of all those who do not have safe places to live, those who are fleeing with little to find safety in distant countries. We pray for all families affected by war and fighting, especially those in the Middle East and Ukraine. Lord you are the Prince of Peace, so we ask for your guidance for world leaders and all those in positions of authority that they may be able to work together to bring peace to our troubled world. We thank you for the work of the aid agencies and for all who work to help others.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Living Lord Jesus, we thank you for presence in our homes and our communities, in our schools and in our work. We bring before you our families, our friends, those who teach us and show us the right way to live, all those who have made our lives better through their goodness. We pray for our local

services, our doctors and medical staff, our teachers and teaching assistants, our shop workers and refuse collectors, for all who serve us and make our lives better.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord Jesus you healed so many in your time on earth, you touched those with leprosy, gave sight back to the blind, enabled the lame to walk again, you understand what it is like to be unwell. Hear our prayer for the sick, for all who are in pain, waiting for or recovering from surgery, undergoing long-term treatment, battling against disease, anxious about the future. Sometimes Lord we just do not understand why people have to suffer, we cry out to you why Lord. Please Lord support those who are ill through the comfort of family and friends, through the skill and dedication of medical staff, and above all through the knowledge of your love. Reach out your healing touch Lord to all who are unwell, and especially currently to Alfred Johnson, Margaret, Eileen Moses, Erica, Andrew, Caroline, Jan Banks, Ellen Vigar, Pat.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, the light of the world, you give life and light; in you life and light are eternal. We ask that your light and comfort reach out to all who are mourning the loss of a loved one. We bring before you today in particular the family and friends of Paul Reeve, Michael Cleary, Daphne Norman, Howard Redgewell, Joan Lane, Mary Francis. May all our loved ones departed, and all the saints rejoice in the fullness of your eternal light and love.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord, we give you thanks that you led our forebears in the Faith through a cloud by day and a fire by night. We give you thanks, kindly Light that the torch of faith was brought to this land, and that you ever lead your people on. Light up our dark hearts by the light of Christ; may his Word illumine our way.

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