

Sunday 21 July - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Prayers written by Frank Le Poidevin

Lord God, we pray for your church worldwide; for archbishops and bishops and all who hold positions of authority in the church. We pray for all priests, ministers and all who seek to spread abroad your gospel of love and truth. Reveal yourself to us in all your glory and, through the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us all, in our small way and in our small corner of the world, to show forth your love to all.

Help us so to order our lives that they reflect your goodness and truth.

Lord, in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Lord God, we pray for our world, especially those areas where there is bitterness, hatred and warfare. And we pray for those - often the innocent - who are the victims of violence and terrorism.

Give wisdom and integrity to the leaders of all nations, and fill them with a desire to pursue those things which make for peace and freedom and justice for all.

Lord, in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Lord God, we pray for all young people especially those who have recently completed their examinations and now await eagerly the results of those examinations, results on which their hopes and aspirations may well depend.

We pray that those results may be a true reflection of application and effort made.

Lord, in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Lord God, we pray for all who are on holiday at this time. We pray that their holidays may be a time of refreshment and recreation. May they return home safely, strengthened and invigorated, ready to face again the daily task, the common round.

Lord, in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Lord God, we pray for each other; for those around us now and for those we meet day by day. Help us to support each other in love, sharing each other's problems and sadness as well as rejoicing in each other's happiness.

We pray now for those known to us who are ill, including: Alfred Johnson; Jan Barker; Eileen Moses; Brian Southwood;

Lord, in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Lord God, we commend to your love and mercy those who have died to this earthly life and we pray for your comfort and supporting love to their families and friends.

From our Memorial Book we remember and give thanks for the lives of: Harold Curtis; Gillian Cathcart; Peter Farmer; Ernest Partridge; John Lane.

Lord, in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Lord God, may your words of truth take root in our hearts and grow to rich maturity.

May we hear your will for us and act upon it.

May we encourage and nurture one another in faith so that we can go out strong in our weakness and littleness.

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