

## **Sunday 12 June – Trinity Sunday**

### **Prayers written by Ruth Le Poidevin**

On this Trinity Sunday we come to pray to our Father God through his Son and in the Power of the Holy Spirit.

We come thanking you, Father, for the gift of life and above all that you sent your Son to die for us who so often act as your enemies. We ask that you will break down barriers which are preventing us from being at peace with you and that your Spirit will fill your church with love for all who do not yet know your peace.

Father, as a nation we have had opportunities recently to come together in enjoyment as we celebrated the Queen's great reign. We give you thanks for the example of duty and leadership which she sets. Yet while celebrating we were all aware of so many in our country - and in the wider world - who live in poverty and despair. We are constantly reminded of many who put their lives at risk as they travel from their troubled countries to seek a safe haven and a better life. We cannot begin to understand the despair and fear which drives them to undertake such hazardous journeys. As problems continue to arise at the receiving countries, including ours, we ask that compassion may overcome resentment and genuine concern move governments to help.

We pray for countries who are at war remembering this morning especially the people of Ukraine and Russia; for all the lives lost, homes seized, and peace broken. May the spirit of comfort and compassion envelop all who dwell in fear. May the spirit of wisdom and humanity enliven our global leaders and may we affirm the dignity and rights of all.

We continue to pray for our health services especially those who are still working in difficult circumstances because of lack of manpower. We give you thanks for all researching new forms of treatment for ever changing variants of medical conditions, and we do pray for all who, in so many countries, are still suffering from Covid and who have little access to vaccines.

Father, we thank you that you never leave us comfortless. Always you walk with us, neither too far ahead nor a step behind. Bless those who need your reassuring presence including: Jan Banks, Ken Cathcart, Dorothy Lawrence, Hazel Chapman, John Leaworthy, Ellen Vigar, Christine Eaton, and any known personally to us.

We pray for those who have died. This morning we entrust Diana Wheeler, Susan Dickinson, Richard Rich, Thomas Walker, to your safe keeping and we ask that you surround with your love those who mourn their passing.

From our memorial book we give thanks for the lives of; Ivy Adshead and Patricia Clifford.

And today is Music Sunday so we give thanks especially for the part music plays in our worship. We praise you for the thrill of hearing great music in great cathedrals; for the comfort of familiar hymns in our own worship; for the interest and excitement created by modern worship music with its use of different groups and instruments. Most of all we thank you for the opportunity it gives for praising together. We thank you for all who contribute to worship in our churches by their offering of music.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit , we thank you that you have chosen us to serve you. May we respond with joy.

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