

## **Sunday 2 March – Next before Lent**

### **Prayers written by Wendy Borgartz**

We thank you Father that you have revealed yourself through Moses and the prophets. You have made yourself known to us through your saints but, above all, you show us your glory in the face of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, we pray for your church throughout the world. We give thanks for all who have shown us of you and your love. We ask that your Church may continue to show forth your glory in the world. We seek your blessing upon all who work in your Church, in any capacity. We also pray for the Pope, for his continuing health, and for our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

At this time of world uncertainty, we pray for all who will make decisions that will affect the future of the human race. We pray for all who are caught up in war, for all refugees, for all those who are trapped in difficult situations and countries. In this week that has seen the third anniversary of war in Ukraine, we pray for all Ukrainian people, those remaining in their own country and those who have sought refuge elsewhere.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those who have cared for us and taught us. We ask your blessing upon our homes, our friends and families. We pray for all homes where there is little sense of love or where there is neglect or abuse. We ask you to guide all who have the care of families who are struggling with their relationships.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father, we give thanks for all who have made discoveries in medicine and all who are responsible for the care of human life. We pray for all working in any of the caring professions. We ask your blessing upon all who are suffering at this time, especially any who feel they no longer have any value or influence. From our own community we pray for healing and comfort for Alfred Johnson, Jan Barker, Eileen and any known individually to us or only to you.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We bring before you all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one at this time. Surround them with your loving arms so they may feel the comfort of your love. We remember especially at this time the family and friends of Olive Hodges, Ricardo Hull, Paul Jackson, Baby Ollie Manchester-Spratt, Joan Madigan, John Francis, John Leaworthy, Betty Lawrence, Phyllis Baines. From our memorial book we remember and give thanks for the lives of Joyce Whittaker, Herbert Giles, Kim Ponder, Elsie Amor, Joseph Swindle and Sidney Rawlinson. We give thanks for all who have witnessed to your love and saving power and pray that our loved ones departed may share with your saints in the fullness of your eternal kingdom.

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