

Sunday 6 April – Lent 5

Prayers written by Sue Lyne

We pray for Christians whose faith is being tested by hardship, spiritual dryness or any outside pressures; that they may hold fast to you, Lord Jesus, and emerge stronger in the knowledge of your loyal, sustaining love.

Lord you are the rock:

On whom our security rests.

We pray for those involved in all areas of bureaucracy which frustrate and delay the course of useful action; for areas where anarchy undermines stability, for areas of political corruption. We pray for those areas suffering at the moment here in our country, for other countries fraught with war, famine, drought, earthquakes and oppression. Pour your blessing down to give help and comfort and we pray that whatever is good may flourish and grow so evil is rendered powerless and overthrown.

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We pray for the people on either side of us now; for the families represented here and all who live in the same street as we do; that we may live out the pattern of Christ by loving in a practical way. We pray for the ministry team here in Tiptree and our sister churches. Give them your strength to bring your word and presence to those seeking peace and fulfilment.

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We pray for those blinded by prejudice or self-centred thinking; for those being dragged down by drugs, alcohol or other habits they feel powerless to stop; that they may be led tenderly to freedom.

We pray for those suffering in body and mind at this time, praying especially for those who may be suffering from ill health and are fearful for the outcome of tests, scans and invasive procedures. May your healing hands surround them and give them comfort and strength. We pray especially at this time for

Alfred Johnson, Jan Barker, Matty Bridgeland and those known only to ourselves.

For those where there is no hope, give peace Lord that they may know your presence in their final hours knowing you are waiting to hold them safe and secure in your undying love for them.

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We pray for those who having worshipped you on earth have now past into eternity; may they spend eternity in unending love and praise. We pray for the family and friends of John Marven and Derek Sellwood and for those remembered in our Memorial book. Andrew Greed, Arthur March, Evelyn Wright and Stella Eastbrook.

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Father we thank you for showing us the way to abundant life.

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