

Sunday 30 June – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Prayers written by Yvonne Toms

Let us pray for the church and for the world and let us thank God for his goodness.

Loving Father, we thank you that we can join in songs of praise and worship. Bless our music that it might glorify your name. Let this music be a witness to your majesty and love and remind us that you are always with us. May your presence and beauty be found in every note and may the words that are sung reach the hearts of your people so we will draw closer to you. May your Spirit guide us so that we may be instruments of your peace and proclaim your glory with glad voices.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father, we pray for the Churches in our benefice and thank you that we are part of the living Church – your body on earth - and we are never alone. We thank you for all the people who are part of our Church communities and pray that we may serve you in all we do. We pray for those preparing to be confirmed in this Church next month - that they will be held in your love at this important step in their journey. Plant seeds of joy and peace that love might grow and be shown as we live in grace with others. Help us to understand that “we can do no great things, only small things with great love.”

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father, we pray for all taking part in the General Election. we give thanks for the dedication of all who stand for public office in service of our communities We pray that all elected to positions of power may be committed to meeting the needs of all people especially the weakest and most vulnerable.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we pray for children and young people in our communities and especially today we bring before you those who will be ending terms at schools, colleges and universities and starting new courses, changing schools or entering training or employment - that they will build on the past and will be open to the future, guided by your Spirit and held in your love.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression; for joy where there is pain; that your love may bring peace to all your children. We pray for peace and healing in areas of conflict including in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine. We pray for all who have lost loved ones, lost their homes and their jobs, lost communities, and health because of war. We bring before you all who are working with refugees and health agencies in war zones. Through prayer and through action may we all build bonds of peace and reconciliation.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we raise before you all those who seek healing of body, mind or spirit asking that they will sense the touch of your loving hands and feel your peace and presence alongside them, each and every step of their journey towards healing and wholeness.

From our own community we pray for Alfred Johnson, Matthew King, Jan Barker, Anne Wild, Eileen Moses and for all held in our hearts.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; God's grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those all those who mourn and for those who still miss the companionship and care of loved ones. We thank you for lives lived well and for love shared. Today we remember especially the family and friends of Rita Crowe, Ron Wager and Baby Wavey Black.

From our memorial book, we give thanks for the lives of Pat Sorrell, Jean & Bob Murray, Emma Brown, William Pearson, Elsie Marshall, Patricia Pinder, Derek Kirby and Felicia Kirby.

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity: in the habitations of thy majesty and glory, world without end.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants, who minister in thy temple.

Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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