

## **Sunday 1 March – Second Sunday of Lent**

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

Lord God, we thank you for your blessing of the entire world through your promise to Abraham and Sarah. We know that we are each blessed and loved by you and, although we are human and may not always show it, we do thank you for your unfailing promise and your many kindnesses to us.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, we stand in awe of your sacrifice of yourself for each of us. We know that we are saved and have the gift of eternal life because you loved us so much that you died for us. We thank you for counting us worthy to receive the gift of your grace. We lift up to you the whole church throughout the world and pray that all may be allowed to worship you freely, in spirit and in truth.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for the leaders of our world and of our country, and especially for wisdom for all those involved in the fighting in the Middle East. We pray also for our Government, for our MPs, for local councillors. Give them all courage and wisdom as they make difficult decisions and may they remember the example of Jesus and work for all in our society, especially for those who are marginalised and feel unseen.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

We remember before you, Lord God, all those who are unwell or suffering in any way. Comfort and heal them, we pray, and guide all those who care for others, remembering that what we do for others we do for you too. We bring before you this morning from our community Jericho Hasieber, Sarah, Sue Copsey, David Casemore, David Richards and Joanne Fearis and in a moment of silence those known to each of us individually who are on our hearts.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for your comfort for all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. We lift up to you this morning all known to us who are mourning currently, including the family and friends of June Taylor, Joan Plester and Margaret Arrowsmith and also those remembering the loss of a loved one

at this time in previous years, including from our memorial book Lyn Bird, Joyce Whittaker, Herbert Giles, Kim Ponder, Elsie Amor and Joseph Swindle. Grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Loving Lord God, as we go through the coming week, we pray that we may remember your blessings upon us and pray that we may remain faithful to you through the messiness of everyday life, knowing that you are always with us and never leave us alone.

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