

Sunday 14 July - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Prayers written by Ruth Le Poidevin

God has drawn us down many different routes to this shared worship today. Let us still our bodies and alert our minds and hearts in his presence. Father, we are only the body of Christ because your spirit binds us together with you. Give us real concern and love for one another supporting and encouraging so that we can be sent out strong in our weakness and frailty.

Father we ask for your continuing presence in our church life. We thank you for all who in this place serve you and others by leading worship, planning services, encouraging outreach and ministering in sad and troubling circumstances. Renew in us all the desire to go from here serving you in serving others.

Father, we pray for all families represented here this morning. We know that for some at this time of year important decisions have to be made about ongoing education. We ask that those involved in such decisions may have a clear sense of your leading. We bring before you any of these families carrying burdens; make them aware, we pray, that you are surrounding them with your love and that you will continue to direct and guide them.

Father, we bring before you at this time the people of our inner cities and those who are finding life very hard. Give vision and understanding to those whose policies control their lives and who have it within their power to improve their welfare.

Father, all the kingdoms and states of this world are answerable to your authority and much evil is allowed to flourish through the silence of good people. Give us the courage to speak out your truth whether it is popular or not. We thank you for those who do speak out against evil regimes in various parts of our world and we pray for the millions worldwide who wait for just government and peace to rule in their country.

Father, we pray for all who are in pain, for those who have no-one to confide in, no-one to listen. We pray for your love to enfold them, your peace to calm them and your healing to transform them. We pray especially for: Alfred Johnson; Jan Barker; Eileen Moses; Brian Southwood.

Father, you prepare us all during this life for the life to come. We commend to your keeping all those who have recently made their journey through death.

From our Memorial Book we remember and give thanks for the life of: Katie Houghton; James Waughman; Frederick Boot.

We thank you Heavenly Father for all our blessings. We pray that we may take none of them for granted but commit ourselves to live out our thanks each day.

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