

Sunday 19 October – Luke the Evangelist

Prayers written by Sue Lyne

In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, let us draw near to our heavenly Father and pray to him together.

Today we think of St Luke who was a physician and one of the disciples of Jesus, he was an educated man whose writings give us a poetic account of the life of Jesus. As Jesus sent out his disciples to spread His word into a hostile world, we too should be ready to hear his calling for us to share the love and joy that we each have in our hearts.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who labour in the painstaking work of building up the kingdom of heaven, guide them in uncertainty, encourage them in apparent failure and train them in trust through perseverance.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of our country and of all peoples throughout the world, for newspaper editors, film directors and all who influence our nation through the media, may our world be led to understand your values and know your peace.

We pray for those we rely on and those who rely on us, for an increase of loyalty and trust, for guidance in the way we use our time, money and abilities, for courage to commit our lives to you more deeply.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have lost their way in life, and long to be rescued and loved back to wholeness, for those suffering through illness or handicap or accident.

We pray especially for: June Dennis and Jericho Hasieber.

Let us have a moment of silence to bring our own individual requests and thanks to God and remember those close to us who are ill, and for those who care for loved ones.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Search us all Lord and renew our faith in you knowing that your Son died for each and every one of us. And at this time, we pray for your comfort and peace to those who mourn. We pray for those who have passed through the gateway of death into eternity and may they abide in your peace for ever. Thinking of the families of Eileen Piggott, Peter Morley, Ann Barkham and David Theobald.

And from our Memorial Book we remember Marie Hammond and Kenneth Wightman.

We thank you for the many blessings of life which you give us each day, for the wonder of your creation and the joy and comfort of your presence.

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

Amen