

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – ALLESTREE – 9 AUGUST 2020

Lord, we pray as one people for all who are affected by coronavirus, through sickness, isolation, loss or fear.

God of love we pray for all key workers, as they continue to work tirelessly to protect us, provide us with essentials and care for us.

Lord as the pandemic continues, we pray that with your guidance all those in power across the world will make wise decisions for their people and where necessary put popularity and votes aside.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord, relationships and family ties are often complicated and delicate, we thank you for all those families and relationships brought closer during lockdown. We pray also for all those who suffer at the hands of a loved one or family member. We hold in our hearts all men, women and children who are victims of domestic abuse.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

This week has seen more suffering and pain Lord but not only at the hands of an invisible virus. We hold in our hearts all those affected by the explosion in Beirut and the recent unrests. Lord we pray for all people living in areas of unrest, we pray for all immigrants, risking their lives, separated from loved ones and forgotten by society. Lord we pray for all who are marginalised and discriminated against and that our hearts and minds may be open to them.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

God of peace, we cannot change the past, but we can learn from it, 75 years ago today the second atomic bomb was dropped on Japan. We remember Lord all those who were and are affected by the bombings. We pray also for all those throughout this world who fight for peace.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for the beauties we see every day around us, the bright yellow of a sunflower, the song of birds and the smell of flowers. Help us to notice and appreciate the wonders of this world as we go about our daily lives. We pray also that you will guide us Lord to protect this world in whatever ways you see best.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all who are ill at this time either in mind, body or spirit, and remember them in the quietness of our hearts. We bring them to you in the confidence that you love them and know their every need. Bless all that is being done for their recovery and answer our prayers as you see best. In particular at this time we pray for.... And continuing prayer for..... and any others known to us at this time.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can extinguish. We remember those who have died and pray for those who are bereaved and hurting. May your love support them as they come to terms with their loss. In particular we remember..... and any others known to us at this time.

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ, Amen**

Alex and Matt, 8 August 2020