



**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FOR SUNDAY
TRINITY 6
19 JULY 2020**

We pray for the church as she seeks to minister the love of God to the people of the world, caught up in this time of dis-ease and uncertainty. We know that God's purposes are all for good, and we have the self-sacrificing example of Jesus before us, but it is sometimes hard to see clearly how best to live up to our high calling as his followers, so we pray for compassion and discernment in our daily lives. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks that some of us have been able to join together in worship at S. Matthew's for the first time in many weeks, but we know that many of us are not able to come together, and for those who can, the circumstances are different from what we have known. We pray that, wherever we are, our worship may be heartfelt, and that we will know the closeness of God in it. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in positions of leadership, in the nations, in the church, in commerce, in local government; for all those who make decisions that affect the lives and well-being of others. At this time when so much seems to emphasise differences between people, but where we know that considerate cooperation is more likely to maximise human flourishing, we pray for a setting aside of self-interest and a focus on seeking the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our parishes and communities, that all who are part of them may know fullness of life in these places, enjoying all that is good in them, and correcting what goes amiss in them. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who strive to heal the sick, and for all who have the care of others. After weeks of working at full stretch, many are tired and in need of relaxation, we pray that they may find it. Many are working hard to find treatments and cures; we pray a blessing on their endeavours. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick, that they may find issue from their pain.

We pray for the anxious, that they may see their way clear before them.

We pray for the desperate, that hope will kindle in their hearts.

We pray for the bereaved, that they may know consolation.

We pray for the dying, that they may be drawn into the presence of God.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We bring our own concerns to God remembering

those people,

those situations,

those places

that are in our minds and on our hearts.

We lay them at the foot of Christ's cross.

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.