

## Online Worship Intercessions

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Strengthen Peter, Roger and John, our Bishops in this Diocese and all your Church in the service of Christ; that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. God of provision and care, discernment and knowledge: lead those who have the responsibility of appointing the next Bishop of Chelmsford in your love, empower them by your Spirit, and equip them with your gifts; give them hearts full of love for all people, minds open to the signs of the times, and wisdom to know how to respond to the voice of your calling; We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Sovereign Lord, we thank you for our fellowship here at All Saints. Bless us, our families and friends as we seek to serve you. Strengthen the bond of friendship within our Mission and Ministry Partnership. Help us Lord as we work together to build your kingdom and transform our communities. Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours; that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Lord, bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that all may honour one another, and seek the common good. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love. Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of your love. God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength. Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health. In a moment of quiet, let us bring before God those who we carry on our hearts this morning [ **PAUSE** ]... Gracious Lord, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: Lord, be with those who have recently lost a loved one. We pray for all those who help the bereaved – funeral directors, befrienders, those who work in crematoriums and cemeteries, those who conduct funeral services and minister to families and friends of those who have died. We remember those who have died in the faith of Christ [ **PAUSE** ]... According to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: Finally, we pray for ourselves. We are not people of fear: we are people of courage. We are not people who protect our own safety: we are people who protect our neighbours' safety. We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity. We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs, for as long as it takes, wherever you call us. Lord God, you are always with us. You are with us in the day and in the night. You are with us when we are happy and when we are sad. You are with us when we are healthy and when we are ill. You are with us when we are peaceful and when we are worried. Help us to remember that you love us and are with us in everything today, tomorrow and for all eternity. Christ be with us, Christ within us, Christ behind us, Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ to win us, Christ to comfort and restore us. Christ beneath us, Christ above us, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love us, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love. Merciful Father...

**All: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**