

# Prayer Archive Year A

## Intercessions for Year A

2022–2023

### Intercessions for Advent Sunday Year A – November 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

Eternal God, on this the first Sunday of a new Church year we sing with joy in anticipation for the coming of God to earth at Christmas. Help us to sow peace around us, live like Jesus and pave the way for the King him as he comes to reign as the Prince of Peace, giving people a glimpse of his kingdom.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Gracious God, hear us today in our words of prayer, in each hymn and melody we sing, in our silent thoughts and pleas and may our worship today connect us with heaven and unite our hearts with the sound of eternity. We thank you for the music all around us, the sounds of life; the lapping of the waves, the roar of the wind, the sound of our Spanish neighbours talking, the purring of a cat and the persisting calls of the birds.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Loving God we pray for your church throughout the world, for those people persecuted for their faith, whose songs are freedom songs. We pray for their safety and ask you to give their praise the strength to convince and convert, the power to ward off war and divisions and the love to bring peace. We especially pray for the peace of Jerusalem as psalm 122 reminded us to do.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Creator God drive away despair from our politics, revive our dreams of justice and truth, restore our passion for what is good and right. Establish your just and gentle rule throughout the world where there is conflict and where peace has been powerless and violent people hold sway.

We pray for all those who lead our nations of the world and for those in authority that they may always work for peace and for the good of their people.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Father God, in our daily life, help us never to forget the supremacy of love. May love motivate the way we live our lives in our neighbourhoods throughout the Costa Blanca Chaplaincy helping to heal those situations which so often drag us into despair.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we pray for all who sing a sad song today: the grieving, the lonely, the lost and the bereaved. We pray especially for those who have lost their voice and feel silenced or oppressed. May we bring light into dark places, restore hope and vision to all who struggle, and bring well-being and comfort to all those who suffer.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Everlasting God, give us ears to hear and minds to understand the message of immortality for the children of your kingdom so that we may look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. We especially pray for any we know who recently died and are now on that journey to you.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Holy God during this season of Advent, as we move towards the festivities of Christmas, we pray that peace will flow from all of our actions and interactions this week.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Intercessions for Second Sunday of Advent Year A – December 4<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah. Inspire our Chaplains, who are stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, so that when Christ comes again to be our judge we may stand with confidence before his glory.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

Faithful God we pray for your blessing to be upon this congregation, upon the Church throughout the world and upon our Chaplaincy. May your presence be seen vividly in what we do and say each day. We pray that your joy and your love will flow freely in and through us and that we might never be perfect examples of your love in action.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

Creator God, with axe and winnowing fork you clear a holy space where hurt and destruction have no place, and a little child is King. Clear the trouble spots of our world from hatred and despair and sow seeds of joy and peace so that shoots of hope may spring forth and all people, whatever their creed, race, colour or gender may live together in harmony with one another.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

Father God you enfold those on the margins of society with love and you experienced through Jesus what it was like to be excluded. Your son befriended the despised like Zacchaeus; the shunned prostitute; the untouchable lepers and all those who the establishment labelled as sinners. We ask you to help those at the edges of our communities and give them hope through the patience and encouragement of all of us who claim to be your people.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we remember all whose illness stems from a mental health issue, who often suffer in silence because of stigma and who reach out for help that is often not there because of stretched services. Help us to break through the ignorance that causes stigma and recognise that mental illness is as real as a broken leg or influenza and give them hope through the patience, encouragement.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us, and the fellowship of the church family around us until we are reunited once more in your heavenly kingdom.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness, enable us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing your praises. May what we have sung and spoken with our lips become strong belief in our hearts and what we believe in our hearts become our way of life, throughout this Advent and in the years to come.

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

**Intercessions for Third Sunday of Advent Year A – December 11<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Everlasting God, as we continue prepare for Christmas, help us to find time in our busy lives for time to be quiet where we can, through prayer and reflection, appreciate the wonder of your love. As we revisit the story of Jesus' birth through our Advent worship deepen our joy invigorate our prayers and our praise and help it to challenge the way that we live our lives.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God may we like Mary worship in such a way that our joy in you grows through the recognition of the countless ways we have benefitted from your blessings throughout our lives and the goodness and mercy that you show to us despite our shortcomings. Help us to pass on our faith to the next generation of our families that they too might praise with the same joy that Mary did..

*(Short Silence)*

Merciful God, we pray for the nations of the world especially where pride interferes with power to produce tyranny, where the divide between rich and poor is beyond imagination and where people have been hungry for so long that many have never experienced a satisfying and sustaining meal.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God we pray for those whose children cannot take part in Christmas celebrations because of the expense; those who put themselves seriously into debt attempting to meet expectations; those who may have to use foodbanks for a Christmas meal. Help us to do all that we can through our prayers and through our giving to the local and international charities that are helping the less fortunate.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we raise before you the sick and the suffering, that you would show the strength of your arm and scatter everything which prevents them from enjoying health and wholeness in body mind and spirit.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Mighty God, we rejoice for those who now experience the joy of heaven according to the promises you made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to us his descendants, forever. We especially pray for.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth.

(From the Roman Missal)

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

**Intercessions for Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A – December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019**

Everlasting God we come today on the last Sunday of our Advent journey towards Christmas and we give thanks as we remember those journeys that were being taken on that first Christmas 2000 years ago.

Mary and Joseph – travelling by foot to enrol in the Roman census; The Wise Men following the signs in the heavens; The unsuspecting Shepherds moving from pasture to pasture with their flocks; The Jewish Nation, also unsuspecting, moving through history towards a world changing event.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God As we think of Mary, pregnant with the Holy child journeying towards motherhood we pray for all women who are expecting a new addition to their families. We also remember that not all pregnancies are wanted and so we pray for all who are carrying unwanted babies and for the decisions they have to make, some of which may be very unpleasant.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we pray for all who like Mary and Joseph are making long and difficult journeys by foot especially those fleeing from war and terror. For those trying to escape hardship, drought, famine or persecution. For those embarking on perilous journeys across the Mediterranean in dreadfully unsuitable craft and for those who are providing rescue services.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God we pray for our world, which like that of the Holy Land at the time of Jesus' birth, is facing an incredible change which was to be the basis of the history of the next two millennia. We pray for Europe as the UK moves closer to Brexit, for the USA as it moves into a completely unknown future under an untried new president and for the future of our world as climate change continues to make itself felt in so many unsettling ways.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Mighty God we pray for the wise men and women of our modern world who are making amazing technological advances and moving our world ever faster into the future. Help us at all times to use that technology for the good of your creation and let it never get in the way of the way that we live our lives for you and for our neighbours in Christ

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God we pray for the sick and the suffering especially when having to travel to hospital for treatment or surgery and for those who love them and care for them.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, give us ears to hear and minds to understand the message and gift of Christmas so that we may look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. And we especially pray for any we know who recently died and are on that journey to you.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, who chose the Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us with your grace, that like Mary we might rejoice in your salvation; send us out to finish our Advent journey filled with love and joy and peace ready to receive that promise afresh into our lives.

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

**Intercessions for Christmas Day Year A**

On the first day of Christmas Jesus Christ, God's gift to us on that first Christmas, was born to Mary and Joseph in the poorest of circumstances. We pray for the poor of the world many of whom live in conditions far worse than the stable where Jesus began his earthly life.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

On the second day of Christmas the Heavenly choir of Angels appeared to the shepherds and sang to the Glory of God; so we give thanks for our church music and those who play and sing God's praises, not only with Carols, at this joyful time, but week by week in our worship together in Christian churches throughout the world.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

On the third day of Christmas The Shepherds returned home to spread the Good News; we pray for evangelists, preacher's and teachers who tell out the Gospel story of God's amazing gift to all mankind.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

On the fourth day of Christmas the Three Kings arrived in Jerusalem; we raise before God the Holy city of Jerusalem praying that it may be place of true peace, and an international centre of worship for Christians, Jews and Muslims alike.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

On the fifth day of Christmas the Three Kings sought news of Jesus from King Herod; we pray for rulers of the nations in our troubled world where so many leaders abuse their positions and their power.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

On the sixth day of Christmas, Herod ordered the “Slaughter of the Innocents”; we pray for all those who continue to be slaughtered in acts of genocide, racial cleansing and similar atrocities.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

On the seventh day of Christmas, The Kings found Jesus and presented their gifts – we give thanks for the season of giving and receiving and for the joy and happiness that it generates.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

On the eighth day of Christmas, Joseph and Mary took the infant Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord and for Him to be circumcised; we pray for all new-born children, for those being baptised and receiving their Christian names.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

On the ninth day of Christmas, Simeon rejoiced that he had not died before he had seen the Lord’s Christ; we pray for those who are coming to the end of their lives and especially for those who have seen Jesus in their lives and lived that life accordingly.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

On the tenth day of Christmas, Anna, who had devoted her whole life to prayer and fasting, recognised Jesus as The Redeemer; so we pray for those who within religious communities across the world fast and pray for the world and for each of us.. In the same spirit we now pray for those who are ill or in need.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**



On the eleventh day of Christmas, the Holy family left the shelter of the stable – we pray for all those involved in hospitality and tourism and for all people who, like the Innkeeper in Bethlehem, make their homes a place of welcome and love.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

On the Twelfth day of Christmas, the Holy Family fled to Egypt – we pray for all those fleeing their homes in Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan, Ethiopia and Iraq and those European countries which are welcoming them and giving safe refuge.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Lord God you sent your angels from glory to bring to shepherds the good news of Jesus' birth. We have heard his story, the story of Your own Son. May he fill us with joy to bring this good news to others today and through the twelve days of Christmas and into the New Year beyond.

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

**Intercessions for First Sunday after Christmas – Year A – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

Everlasting God, at the start of a New Year we may find ourselves apprehensive for what it might bring. Reassure us with your loving presence that whatever we might experience in the coming 12 months will not be more than we can bear and that you will never be more than a prayer away from us.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Holy God we raise before you our Chaplaincy here in the Costa Blanca. We lay before you our plans, our hopes and the problems that we might face. Constantly remind us that in our church, results are never measured in terms of winners and losers but in how much our activities glorify your name and bring your son Jesus Christ closer to others.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, help us to know and to understand what it means and what it takes to make disciples and so help to transform the world. May this New year bring peace to those parts of the world where it has been absent for far too long.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, as we reach out into the community through our worship and social activities, inspire us and enhance our creativity, as we seek to develop and fund the ministries of our chaplaincy and draw others in to know and love your ways.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

We pray for the sick in their hour of need especially if the New Year fills them with doubts and fears. May they be aware of your presence holding them and encouraging them towards healing and wholeness.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God as we remember before you those who will not journey into this New Year we thank you for the gift of hope beyond death that you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new and so we thank you for this New Year, for all the potential it holds. Move us every single morning throughout 2023 to look forward to the future with hope and to give you thanks for the wonders of your creation and the wonderful gifts that you have given to us.

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

**Intercessions for Epiphany Year A – January 6<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Gracious God, may we rise and shine in the light that has come into the world and revel in its glory. Help us in our service today to sing forth your praises and worship you in the beauty of holiness

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God we pray that the people of the world might lift up their eyes round about, and come to see your light, and that rulers and kings, drawn to the brightness of your truth, might rule with justice and mercy. We pray against the Herods of this world and all that use violence and terror to fulfil their earthy desires.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God as the our Spanish friends and neighbours celebrate the Fiesta de Los Reyes with great enthusiasm, help us, as we share their festivities, to remember that the Epiphany revealed Jesus Christ to the gentile world. Show us too that through such an amazing gift, which surpassed the King's gold, frankincense and myrrh, we can know your limitless love for us and for your church.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Brilliant God, we pray for the sick and suffering and all who are surrounded by deep darkness. We ask that they may be illuminated by your grace and love. Help us to radiate and reflect the brilliance of your light so that as it shines through us it may help to bring healing and wholeness to those in need.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Mighty God, you are the King of heaven, the hope of all who trust in you:

give to the faithful departed the wonders of your salvation. Guide us to those who mourn so that we might bring joy and gladness where there is grief and sorrow.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Almighty God, we have given you our offering of worship and with it the service of our lives. As we move into the coming week and into the New Year may we go from this place knowing that we have met with you and have been blessed by your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory.

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

**Intercessions for the Baptism of Christ January 8<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for this new day and as we gather here this morning to focus on the Baptism of our Lord, let us remember our own Baptisms and our calling to be Christians. May we be filled with such joy as we believe in you that our hearts overflow with love for you and for all who we meet along our journey.

Lord God and Father, help us to understand the mystery of the baptism of your Son. May we walk in your way, live our life for you and be mindful presence day by day.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Loving Lord, we remember all countries where there is war or conflict especially in Ukraine and pray that you will look mercifully upon the sufferings of the people involved and all those seeking refuge and those offering it. .

We pray for King Charles and the UK Government, for the King and Government of Spain and the leaders in the rest of the world. Sharpen their consciences and give them courage to make wise decisions, making wrongs right and meeting the needs of all who suffer.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Lord God we pray today for our friends, our families and our Christian community, that united by our common baptism we may always welcome the newcomer, the stranger and all who are vulnerable.

We also remember today all involved in education as they return to school and university, praying that their efforts will be justly rewarded and that they will achieve their full potential.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Father God we pray for those who face difficulties in their personal lives. We raise before you all who are sick, the bereaved, those with problems in their families, in their relationships, in their neighbourhoods or in their workplace. Give them a patient faith in their troubles and the knowledge that you share their sufferings with them. We bring before you — — — —

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Great God of unending being, we pray for those whose earthly lives have ended. We name before you ----- whose anniversary of their passing falls at this time (and for the soul(s) of --- -who passed away recently)

We give thanks for lives well lived and for happy memories. May they find rest in the eternal joy of heaven and may all who mourn their passing find comfort and peace.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank you for making us your children, for feeding us with the spiritual food which satisfies our longings and for the promise that you listen to our supplications and answer our requests.

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

**Intercessions for Epiphany 2 Year A – January 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**

*The feast of Epiphany brings the Christmas season to an end. As we now move on into the Churches year I thought that this poem “Now the Work of Christmas Begins” composed by Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator, and civil rights leader would make an excellent framework for this week’s intercessions.*

**The Work of Christmas Begins by Howard Thurman**

“When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal those broken in spirit,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the oppressed,

to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among all peoples,  
to make a little music with the heart...  
And to radiate the Light of Christ,  
every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.

Then the work of Christmas begins.

And so we pray.....

“find the lost”

Shepherd God, who protects the flock and searches tirelessly for those who wander from the fold, retrieve the lost and bring them home.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

“heal those broken in spirit”

Loving God, wrap your loving arms around those who are broken hearted, depressed, or feeling that no one cares about them, and fill their hearts with your peace, joy, and love. We also pray for all those whose lives have been devastated by the pandemic.

*(Short Silence)*

*(add names of those requesting prayer for sickness, those who have departed this life and the bereaved)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

“to feed the hungry”

Faithful God, we pray for everyone who is hungry today far away or in our local communities. We pray for those who share this earth with us, but for whom hunger is a crippling, life-threatening danger. We pray for those who have nothing and those who have too little to eat. We give thanks for the generosity of those giving to charity and foodbanks.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

“to release the oppressed”

Almighty God, who has created us in your own image, give us grace to fearlessly fight against evil and never to accept oppression; help us to employ our freedom in the maintenance of justice in our communities and throughout the world.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

“to rebuild the nations” and “to bring peace among all peoples”

Creator God we pray for those countries that are being torn apart by war and terrorism. We ask you to bring about changes that would bring peace and restoration, for both populations and cities alike especially in the Ukraine war

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

“to make a little music with the heart”

Father God we especially pray for our own role in doing the true work of Christmas. May we be the ones who radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.

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

**Intercession Epiphany 2 -15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Written by Kath Walker – Sleights – Whitby UK**

In the noise and confusion of life, let us keep peace in our souls. In these few moments of stillness let us bring before God our prayers – asking him for help and guidance as we journey through our earthly life and giving him thanks and praise for our many blessings. Help us in the prayers we are about to offer for ourselves, for your whole church and for all mankind that what we ask may be according to your will.

**Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

We rejoice in the family of the Church. May all who come find love and fellowship. May they find acceptance and friendship. Lord help your Church be an instrument of peace and healing in the world. We pray for all who preach the word and administer the sacraments, that they may find great strength from your presence and we give thanks for the visiting clergy who have ministered to us during this interregnum. May the Church be a place of stillness and refreshment and may people show that you give joy and peace to their lives.

**Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

God of all mercy, we pray for the nations of the world in the unrest and violence of these times. Give wisdom of mind and strength of character to those who are called to positions of leadership; overthrow the purposes and designs of evil people and establish the cause of righteousness in every land. We pray for refugees escaping war, persecution and poverty. We pray for peace in the world; that every nation may seek the way that leads to peace; that human rights and freedoms may everywhere be respected.

**Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for ourselves. Give us this day, the eye that is willing to see the meaning of the ordinary, the familiar, the commonplace. The eye that is willing to see our own faults for what they are; The eye that is willing to see the likeable qualities in those we may not like; The mistake in what we thought was correct; The strength in what we labelled as weakness. And help us to entrust the past to your mercy, the present to your love and the future to your wisdom.

**Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

We pray, Lord, for all sick and dying persons, all who are suffering or in sorrow. And grant to all who are living in error or ignorance or sin, the grace of repentance. We pray for those in our community who are sick or suffering at this time especially those who have asked for our prayers ..... and in silence we remember any known personally to us. In your goodness and mercy, grant them health of body, soundness of mind and peace of heart.

**Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

Lord, into your hands we commit those who have run the race and kept the faith – even if that faith was known only to you and now have gone to their reward. We remember at this time ... May your light shine on them for ever and our lives be richer because of their memory. We pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones and in time of mind we remember ...

**Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.**

At this time of Epiphany, we pray that, just as the wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King, we shall also seek his light and follow him.



O Jesu, while the star of grace  
Allures us now to seek thy face,  
Let not our slothful hearts refuse  
The guidance of that light to use  
All glory Jesu be to thee  
For this thy glad Epiphany.

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

**Intercessions for Third Sunday of Epiphany Year A – January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023**

Everlasting God, you choose people to send forth as workers into your vineyard, the world that you trusted to us as stewards. You spoke to awaken Samuel with Your call, and so we ask you to open the ears of your chosen ones. Hear us now as we pray for the church and the world.

We especially pray for all those attending the Archdeaconry Synod at Torrevieja starting tomorrow. As they journey to and work together at Synod help them to become the Church that you are calling us all to be and may your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among all who attend.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, you called Abram to be the father of many nations, and so we pray for the nations of our world and their leaders. We continue to pray for peace in your world, and especially for those involved in the process of reconciliation and bridge-building between peoples, cultures or nations. Help us wherever and whenever we can in our everyday lives to be instruments of your peace.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, you called Moses, to be the shepherd who led the Israelites from Egypt, help us all to be worthy pastors of your flock here in our church. We pray for our families, our friends and our neighbours and all who are part of our pastoral care both here in the Costa Blanca Chaplaincy and in the rest of the world.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God you called the Apostles to be ambassadors for Christ and gave them the power to heal. Help us to bring healing by our visits, our care and our prayers that we may strengthen the spirits of those we love especially in times of sickness or distress.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, your son Jesus Christ wept at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Be with us in our mourning as we pray for all who are coming to the end of their journey here on earth and for all those who have died and now rejoice in the fullness of eternal life.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we rejoice in the call to belong to the Church, to believe in the Gospel, and to be united with the successors of your Apostles. May we never “labour in vain” and so send us out into the coming week ready to demonstrate our calling in all that we do and say.

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

### **Intercessions for Third Sunday of Epiphany Year A – January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023**

Heavenly Father as we come to the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian unity help us to listen to your voice calling us still to unity in our diversity. We pray for church leaders everywhere that they may work together and promote unity among Christians

Everlasting God, you choose people to send forth as workers into your vineyard, the world that you trusted to us as stewards. You spoke to awaken Samuel with Your call, and so we ask you to open the ears of your chosen ones.

We especially pray for all those attending the Archdeaconry Synod at Torrevieja starting tomorrow. As they journey to and work together at Synod help them to become the Church that you are calling us all to be and may your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among all who attend.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Compassionate God, you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress; accept our prayers for those whose lives are being affected by global warming and climate change here in the Costa Blanca and further afield in Spain and worldwide: strengthen

them in their hour of need, grant them perseverance and courage to face the future and be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, you called Abram to be the father of many nations, and so we pray for the nations of our world and their leaders. We continue to pray for peace in your world, and especially for those involved in the process of reconciliation and bridge-building between peoples, cultures or nations. Help us wherever and whenever we can in our everyday lives to be instruments of your peace.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, you called Moses, to be the shepherd who led the Israelites from Egypt, help us all to be worthy pastors of your flock here in our church. We pray for our families, our friends and our neighbours and all who are part of our pastoral care both here in the Costa Blanca Chaplaincy and in the rest of the world.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God you called the Apostles to be ambassadors for Christ and gave them the power to heal. Help us to bring healing by our visits, our care and our prayers that we may strengthen the spirits of those we love especially in times of sickness or distress.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, your son Jesus Christ wept at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Be with us in our mourning as we pray for all who are coming to the end of their journey here on earth and for all those who have died and now rejoice in the fullness of eternal life.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we rejoice in the call to belong to the Church, to believe in the Gospel, and to be united with the successors of your Apostles. May we never “labour in vain” and so send us out into the coming week ready to demonstrate our calling in all that we do and say.

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

**Intercessions for The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) Year A – January 29<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Almighty God as we celebrate the feast of Candlemas today we give thanks for your son Jesus who is the Light of the World and for your call to us to share in that light. We pray that our Church may be a light to those who live in the darkness of unbelief, and reveal to them his love. Hear our prayers of intercession and thanksgiving and show your presence in our daily lives as you make the ordinary very special and the special, extraordinary.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God we pray for all those attending the Archdeaconry Synod at the Diamante Hotel in Calpe from Tuesday 31st January- Friday 3rd February. As the delegates journey to, and work together at, Synod help them to become the Church that you are calling us all to be and may your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among all who attend.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, you gave us this world and made us stewards of it. We are a world family who we should care about, despite our differences of race, colour, creed or gender. Too often we are selfish only thinking of ourselves and so we ask you to forgive our selfishness, widen our vision and help us to be the caring people we ought to be.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we thank you for all who take risks and make sacrifices for others in their daily work, and especially for the men and women who work in our emergency services. Help us to respect and appreciate our fire-service, police and paramedics and bless them with the support of the communities that depend so heavily on them in times of crisis.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all those who are suffering physical, emotional or mental illness. Help them to keep their eyes fixed on you, and give them the courage to face the trials and temptations that may come. Especially we pray for.....

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, give rest to the souls of those who have gone from our lives to meet with you. May they now, released from pain or sorrow, find life eternal at rest in your presence. Help those of us who are saddened by such earthly loss, with the reassurance that one day we too will share the feast with them too.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we thank you for this time together in prayer and as we look forward to the week to come, help us to be an example to others and show us the practical steps we need to take to develop consistency and integrity in all that we do in our lives.

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

**Intercessions for Fourth Sunday of Epiphany Year A**

Almighty God as we celebrate the feast of Candlemas today we give thanks for your son Jesus who is the Light of the World and for your call to us to share in that light. We pray that our Church may be a light to those who live in the darkness of unbelief, and reveal to them his love. Hear our prayers of intercession and thanksgiving and show your presence in our daily lives as you make the ordinary very special and the special, extraordinary.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God you are Lord of sea and sky and you have heard your people cry during the devastating storms which have ravaged the Costa Blanca and many other parts of Spain during the past weeks. The wind and rain are under your control and so we ask that you spare us from further freak weather conditions and help those who have lost so much to rebuild their lives and livelihoods. As the clear up and restoration work begins, be present with all those carrying out the new construction work and may their labour be done diligently and safely

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

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

**Intercessions for Fourth Sunday before Lent Year A**

Holy God, whenever we fail to care for our brothers and sisters throughout creation, the way is opened to destruction, and hearts are hardened. We recognise our responsibility to encourage and uphold one another and to live together in peace and love. We also recognise our needs and our human weaknesses and come to you now with our prayers and petitions

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God we thank you for this year's Synod in Torrevieja; for times of laughter and joy; for a renewal of spiritual awareness; for allowing all to grow together in knowledge and understanding of the structure of your Church. We pray that all who took part, organisers, speakers, delegates and visitors may return to their Chaplaincies willing to teach and share with others all that was learned together.

*(Short Silence)*

Creator God we pray for our Queen and her family especially at this time when they are the focus of so much media attention. Give them health and strength, wisdom and courage, so that they may carry out their many duties in the best interests of all our people. We remember too King Felipe here in Spain and all in government praying that they always remember that they are your servants, and that your Son came to serve rather than to be served.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God Lord, help us to use our influence within our families and communities to bring peace, joy and fun into people's lives, instead of stirring up strife. Help us be reliable and honest in what we do, and friendly to all who we meet in our daily lives.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus can free us from our burdens and heal our bodies and spirits. We pray for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God when death separates from us those we love and we find it hard to live without them, take from us all bitterness and resentment and help us to remember that death has no power at all over the peace you give and that the love we shared with our departed loved ones goes beyond the grave.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God in the weeks ahead help us to conduct our lives with dignity, always giving and expecting respect, always praying before taking action and following each action with prayerful thanksgiving.

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

Creator God as the Israelites wandered the desert they cried out to you for water and there are many throughout the world lacking sufficient life-giving water. So we especially pray for the wisdom and desire for everyone to be good stewards of this necessity of life. Help the nations and their leaders to seek ways of conserving all of our finite resources for the good of all.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

**Intercessions for Third Sunday before Lent Year A – February 5<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Holy God, help us to hold high the standard of your teaching, even when it is hard to apply it to our modern way of life. May we strive to never lower your standards, or to change what you teach, but to pray diligently for a realistic understanding of what you want for us in every aspect of our lives that we too may be seen to be as “The salt of the Earth”.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God we pray for your blessing to be upon this congregation, upon this church and upon our Chaplaincy; and for your presence to be seen vividly in what we do and say each day. We pray that your joy and your love will flow freely in and through us and that we might never be seen by those around us as falling short of the teachings of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, you gave us this world and made us stewards of it. We are a world family who we should care about, despite our differences of race, colour, creed or gender. Too often we are selfish only thinking of ourselves and so we ask you to forgive our selfishness, widen our vision and help us to be the caring people we ought to be.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**



Father God we pray for our Chaplaincy communities, that each of us will might make use of our individual talents enabling each church group to flourish as a witness to the “One Body” of the church. As we approach the time of the Local and Chaplaincy APCM’s, stir up the desire in all of us to serve where appropriate and to attend these important gatherings in order that your gospel may be effectively taken out into every part of the Costa Blanca and beyond.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we ask for your healing touch on all who are ill or suffering. We especially pray for any we know who are experiencing emotional pain or are broken in spirit through personal or family problems.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that by casting their cares on you they may find the strength to face the days ahead.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God send us out into the world, renewed by our worship and strengthened by our fellowship, so that we may be a testament to the Gospel of your son Jesus Christ and determined to bring healing and reconciliation to our wounded world.

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

**Lord Teach Us to Pray – William Gadsby**

Blessed Jesus, Lord of all, teach us on thy name to call.

Help us to be much in prayer and upon thee cast our care;

Draw us Lord by thy sweet power, in temptations darkest hour,

Make us cry to Thee our friend, and upon thy grace depend.

At all times, in every case, lead us to thy throne of grace,

Let our needs be what they may, teach us what and how m pray.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us,

Lord of the Church; we pray for the renewal of the church .in faith, love and service. We pray for all clergy and lay readers; for the work of the P.C.C; for the life of this benefice, parish and deanery; and all who contribute to our worship each week. We give thanks for the gift of your word, the grace of the sacraments and the fellowship of your people.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us,

God of all mercy we pray for the nations of the world in the unrest and violence of these times. We pray for all refugees fleeing from war and persecution in their homeland. We ask your blessing on communities seeking to rebuild their lives in peace and hope. Give wisdom of mind and strength of character to those who are called to positions of leadership; overthrow the purposes and designs of all people.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us,

Let us pray for our homes and families,

We give thanks for our homes and all who love us.

May we show your presence in our daily lives.

We pray for homes where there is neglect or lack of love,

Where there is cruelty or selfishness.

We remember all who live alone and those who are lonely,

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us,

Lord Jesus we ask you to bring your healing touch to those whom we know to be sick, afraid or worried. Bring th!!!tn your peace and healing. We pray for any known personally to us.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us,

We remember in our prayers friends who have enriched our lives and are now departed from us.

We pray for those who have died in recent days. Praying especially for Barbara Brooke who died this week.

She will be remembered by all of us as a faithful member of this church and for her courage and stoicism throughout her illness. We pray for her family who now mourn her loss and think of Ron who was devoted to her care.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us,

As we approach the season of Lent let us put our beliefs into practice and strengthen our love of God and our neighbour. Let us commend the world for which Christ suffered to the mercy and protection of God.

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

### **Intercessions for Second Sunday before Lent Year A – February 12<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Holy God, sometimes our lives are so full of worries that we forget how you look after us through every aspect of our lives. When our worries begin to spiral out of control, help us turn them into a conversation with you, confident that you will calm our anxiety and give us hope for the future.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for your church, and the churches in our local community asking that there will be a growing desire to get together. We give you thanks for those who come up with fresh ways of making your name known to the wider community. We remember the General Synod, which met this last week in London and for all those who work so hard to make important and sometimes difficult decisions regarding the everyday running of the Church of England.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, thank you for our world and the places where we live. Help us all to be mindful that we are all created equal in your sight and accept our deep regret that despite this there is still so much inequality to be found. Help us to remember that you want us to be good stewards of your creation, living responsibly in the lands and seas of the earth. May all future growth be sustainable and may we ensure that its abundance is fairly shared for the good of all.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we thank you for the joy of human love, and for all those among whom we live and work. We pray particularly for loved ones who worry us with their health, or circumstances, or life direction. We pray for those among our friends and families who do not know you, or whose faith has been shaken.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all who bear the burdens of pain, bereavement, worry and depression. We pray for those whose illness stems from anxiety. We pray that they may have an awareness of your presence and an understanding that you are bearing those burdens with them and always working towards their healing and wholeness.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, through your love and mercy you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Comfort those who grieve in their sorrow and those who are worried about how they will cope on their own and reassure them that you will never leave them to carry the burdens of life unaided.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God, we ask you to lead us into the coming week, Help us to believe that you are close by us, keep us from making mistakes and help us never to disappoint you through our words and actions.

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

**Intercessions for Sunday next before Lent Year A – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Holy God your Son Jesus was wonderfully transfigured in front of his disciples high upon the holy mountain, and at that time he asked them to keep it a secret. Help us, not to keep the secret but to proclaim it to all that Jesus Christ is Lord. Give us strength to live the Gospel and to carry our cross in order that the world to come to know him in the same, personal way as we do.

*Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God we pray for all the members of the Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in truth and love. We especially for our reader, Stephen Carden and his calling to serve the Church and to work together with clergy here in the Costa Blanca. We also pray all the events which are planned for this coming Lent and Easter.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, you gave us a beautiful world to live in and to care for. We know that in many areas our Stewardship has not met your expectations yet, through the victory of Jesus Christ, we know also that you can transfigure and restore all things in creation. We pray earnestly, for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles and decisions throughout the world.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, forgive us when we waste our lives by being too busy to enjoy your creation. Teach us how to make spaces in the day to do the things we most enjoy. Just as you rested from your work, help us to practise the discipline of recreation.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all who lie stricken with illness, grief or despair. Bring healing to every broken life, relief to all who are in pain, hope to the dying and strength to all who care for them.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we raise before you those whom we love who are already transformed in likeness to your glorious body. Comfort us and all who mourn; give them a patient faith in this time of darkness and strengthen them with the knowledge of your love

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God in the week that lies before us may we reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can see that we are transformed by Christ and thereby draw others into Jesus' loving care.

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

**A Litany for Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023**

Merciful Lord, in this season of Lent, help us to aim high as we seek to renew the discipline of our discipleship. May we take up the best and give up the rest, and know your mercy and grace in all things.

From all self-seeking, self-promotion and self-indulgence; from all self-pity, self-glorification and selfishness; from all self-hatred, self-harm and self-destruction,

**Good Lord deliver us.**

From all that would keep us from joining in worship; from all that would stop us from reading your word; from all that would deter us from coming to you in prayer,

**Good Lord deliver us.**

From the laziness that would stop us before we begin; from the carelessness that would mean we would do it badly; from the impatience that would mean we wouldn't finish,

**Good Lord deliver us.**

From all that would limit our loving of our neighbour; from all that would limit our loving of God; from all that would spoil our attempt to be good,

**Good Lord deliver us**

By the disciplines of Lent and the encouragement of others; by the fellowship of your church and the exchange of greetings; by the desire of our hearts and the need of our souls,

**Good Lord deliver us.**

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,

**Good Lord deliver us.**

By all that we attempt, strengthened by you; by all that we long for, fed by you; by all that is in us, blessed by you,

**Good Lord deliver us.**

In every ordinary day of Lent; in every temptation to follow worldly values; in every attempt to justify our compromises,

**Good Lord deliver us.**

Give us, Lord, the blessings of a holy Lent, true journeying in Holy Week, and a holy and glorious Easter. Give us time to receive your teaching and to amend our lives, give us faith to be open to the graceful filling of your Holy Spirit, and finally give us leave to come to your eternal joy.

**All: Holy God, Holy and strong, Holy and immortal, have mercy on us. Amen.**

*Adapted from text by John Pritchard*

**Intercessions for First Sunday of Lent Year A –**

Holy God as we begin our Lenten journey, mindful of the temptation and suffering that your son Jesus Christ endured in the wilderness. We ask for you to strengthen us, as we find ourselves in the desert of human faults, failings and sinfulness.

*Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God we ask for your guidance in all that our church plans for the coming six weeks of Lent; For the Lenten events and for all special services to be held in The Costa Blanca Chaplaincy.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, your love reaches out to the boundaries our world, to the rich who have everything they need and the poor who have nothing except misery and oppression. We pray for all your people whoever they are, wherever they live and whatever their circumstances; that in their joy and sorrow, the knowledge of your presence might bring comfort, healing and restoration.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we pray against all areas of our society where good food is wasted or disposed of unnecessarily when it could be used to relieve suffering. We thank you for the work of food banks and charities which support disadvantaged individuals and communities.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all of those, dear to our hearts who are ill or in any kind of need. We ask for your blessing on the healing services which are held in the Chaplaincy and for all who have a special Healing Ministry within your Church. We also give thanks for those on the road to recovery following illness, surgery or procedures and for those whose only healing will come through death.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, when death comes close to us through the loss of a family member or friend help us to remember them and rejoice in their fellowship, giving thanks for the way that, as their lives touched ours, so we were enriched by that relationship.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God your love and forgiveness washes over us and astonishes us with generosity. May we go out from this time of worship today as people who enjoy complete forgiveness and a restored relationship with you and all those with whom we share our lives.

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

**Intercessions for Second Sunday of Lent Year A – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Holy God, as we continue our Lenten journey make us mindful of our potential for good and for growth, as we strive for perfection in your sight despite our human failing and imperfections.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we recognise that the work of helping people through life can leave church leaders vulnerable to spiritual attack. We thank you for our church leaders and pray that they won't allow criticism or negativity to blunt their ministry; that they will hear encouragement, and that they will always respond in love and forgiveness when difficulties arise.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for all in authority that they may never be tempted to abuse or misuse their power. Help and guide them to show wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace and so bring peace and prosperity to every corner of the world. We particularly pray for the conflict between Russia and Ukraine as it enters its second year – Lord please bring peace.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**



Father God, we pray for our relationships with family, friends and neighbours and we particularly pray that we never lead them into any kind of temptation. Help them to see us as a new creation, still the person that God created, but now also as an active part of God's earthly family.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, our hearts ache when we hear about the pain and suffering that some of our loved ones have to endure especially when illness has come about through the temptations of the world. Come close and bring comfort and healing to all those who we now name before you.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, you know when our hearts are broken by bereavement. You know the pain of loss because you suffered through the death of your only son. In the midst of ongoing sorrow, help us to rejoice in the comfort of the hope, encouragement, and comfort that your promise of eternal life brings to all who believe in Jesus.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God, may we show and share our love and trust for you wholeheartedly, today, as we go back out into the world and through every day of our Lenten journey.

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

**1. Mendelssohn, Wedding March**

**Intercessions for Third Sunday of Lent Year A – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Loving God, you created us and gave us imaginations as well as free will, hear the prayers that we offer to you today, listen to our thanksgiving for the love you show us and help us with those things that bring worry and concern.

*Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, give us eyes to recognise, as Jesus did at Jacob's Well, the true spiritual thirst in the people around us. Help us all in the Anglican Chaplaincy to respond to those spiritual needs through our worship, our outreach and our social activities.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, your son Jesus crossed territorial boundaries and ignored social taboos throughout his ministry. Give us the courage to make a stand in situations where women in particular have suffered because what should be uncovered is covered up, where they have been humiliated and downtrodden and dare not tell and where they have been physically mistreated, and cannot tell.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we see in the Samaritan woman someone who has experienced more than one partner. We pray for those we know, within our families or communities who are coping with difficult or changing marital relationships. We pray for children caught in a family breakdown with all the worry and upset that it might bring to young and unprepared lives and for their parents who are struggling to make the right choices for those they love.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Heavenly Father and Lord of life, we pray for the gift of courage to face up to and cope with illness. We pray for it for ourselves, and for those who we now name before you .....

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we commend into your hands those who have departed this life. You gave them breath and loved them through their journey of life. Receive them now at the end of that journey into your eternal presence and may they rest in everlasting peace.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God, in so many ways you have taught us that you alone can be trusted, even when it might seem that you are far away from us. Help us to remember this fact and feel your loving presence as we go from this time of worship and return to our everyday lives walking obediently in the light of your truth in all that we do this and every day.

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

### **Intercessions for Mothering Sunday Year A – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Holy God, you gave us our Mothers, for which we give you joyful thanks. Today, we especially thank you for all that our mothers gave to us from the moment we were born into this amazing life. We remember the love and care they surrounded us with through our early years; the guidance they continued to give as we grew to maturity; the support that they continued to give as many of us became parents ourselves and the role they played as grandparents, playing such a vital role in society.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we thank you for the role that so many mothers played in introducing us to you and your son Jesus Christ, through bedtime prayers and stories, in the way they served as an example of Christian life and introducing us to public worship in the fellowship of our Mother Churches and our first spiritual homes.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, as we watch and read the news we see the brokenness of our world and that for many families life is more dangerous than ever before. We pray for healing among the nations; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression; for joy where there is pain; that your love may bring peace to all your children.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, your Son, was born into the human family of Mary and Joseph; bless all those that we live amongst who are parents and all who care for children in our local communities. Strengthen all families who are living under stress and shine your love into homes where no human love is found.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all mothers of children suffering from serious illness, recognising not only their anguish but also the way that their love and determination really makes a big difference to chances of recovery. We thank you for the many hours our parents spent caring for us when we were ill, and thank you too for the many children who grow up to be their parent's carers in later life.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, like a mother, you gather your people to you as gently as any human mother with her children. Turn the despair that comes through the parting of death into hope, and may we, through your gentleness, find comfort and restoration in our sadness and loss.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God, you alone can see the future, and so we pray to you, who can see ahead of us, asking for your protection for each of us, for our families and those who we love.

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### **Intercessions for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A**

Holy God, Before raising Lazarus Jesus gave you thanks. Following his example we now give you thanks for hearing our prayers of intercession even before we pray them.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God In St. Matthews Gospel Jesus reminds us “that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” And so we thank you for Jesus’ presence here with us today in this place as we raise our hearts and voices in worship, praise and thanksgiving.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God drive away despair from our politics, revive our dreams of justice and truth, restore our passion for what is good and right. Establish your just and gentle rule throughout the world where there is conflict and where peace has been powerless and violent people hold sway.

We pray for all those who lead our nations of the world and for those in authority that they may always work for peace and for the good of their people.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God in his dealing with Mary, Martha and Lazarus Jesus showed his love for those friends who had become like family to him. We thank you for our friends and for the richness and diversity that they bring to our lives. Help us to return that gift to them whenever we meet and to keep in touch with those who we see less frequently.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, touch, heal and restore all who are ill. Open their hearts and their minds to welcome your restoring power so that their sickness ends and your healing begins.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, the death of a friend is one of life's most difficult situations to cope with. Help us through Jesus' example to recognise that our tears are natural and bring healing. Help us also to see that through his sacrifice that first Good Friday death is no longer such a final thing and that we shall meet again in God's good time.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God we thank you for having heard us and, confident that all is safely in your hands, we go back out into the world surrounded by your love and care in all that we do in the coming week.

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

**Intercessions for Palm Sunday Year A – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**

Almighty God, as we approach Holy Week hearing again, in its entirety, the story of Christ's passion, may it help us to truly understand the sacrifice he made for us as we reflect on some aspects of his passion

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

*We think of Christ the servant – in the words of St Ignatius.*

Holy God, teach us to be generous. Teach us to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that we do your will.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

*We think of Christ at prayer whilst his disciples sleep.*

Gracious God we recognise that sometime we put off prayer and thanksgiving as we give way to our human frailty. We thank you for those who pray and intercede on our behalf both in heaven and here on earth especially for our priests and chaplains and all members of religious orders who live a prayerful life of poverty, celibacy and obedience.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

*We think of Christ betrayed with a kiss and with denials*

Almighty God, please help us never to abandon someone in their time of greatest need. Help us to forgive those who have wounded and abandoned us in times of crisis. Cleanse our hearts from bitterness and resentment so that we can be more like Jesus, who was abandoned and betrayed by those closest to him.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

*We think of Christ falsely tried*

Merciful God, we pray today for those facing the mockery of a trial, knowing that there is no justice for them and that their sentence might lead to a long term of imprisonment or even death. We remember too those who languish in jails that are overcrowded or in inhumane conditions and those who await their fate on “death row”

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

*We think of Christ tortured and violently executed*

Everlasting God, your son was tortured, beaten and humiliated, and sentenced to an agonizing death though he had done no wrong. We pray for all prisoners throughout the world and ask you to be with them in the darkness of their prison cell, in the loneliness of separation from those they love and in their fear in the face of torture, execution and death.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

*We think of Christ's compassion despite the way he received none himself.*

Loving God we pray for all who bring comfort, care and healing as we name before you those who are in need; the sick, the sorrowful, those who have recently died and those who are bereaved by their passing.

*(add names of those requesting prayer; the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**



Father God, send us out into Holy Week commending all whom we meet, for whom Christ suffered, to your mercy and protection.

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

### **Intercessions for Easter Sunday Year A**

*Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose! (Robert Lowry.)*

As the hymns we sing echo the joy we feel today as together we celebrate the glorious resurrection, may our Easter exhilaration continue throughout the rest of our lives and show in the way that we live it out.

*(Short Silence)*

He arose! He arose! **Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

*Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to thee by both be given: (Charles Wesley Love's redeeming work is done.)*

We pray for a world that recognises Jesus as Lord and imagine how changed it would be; free from hatred, violence, poverty and injustice; a place where all would live together in love and harmony. That would be heaven here on earth.

*(Short Silence)*

He arose! He arose! **Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

*Dying once, he all doth save; where thy victory, O grave?*

We pray for families, friends and neighbours who have not yet recognised that Jesus died and rose again for everyone. Help them to see and realise the possibilities that accepting him into their lives will bring, not least the promise of life beyond the grave.

*(Short Silence)*

He arose! He arose! **Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

*Vain the stone, the watch, the seal! Christ has burst the gates of hell.*

Just as the stone of Christ's tomb was rolled away so roll away the stones of illness, despair, worry and fear and pour the light and joy of his resurrection into their lives.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

He arose! He arose! **Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

*Lives again our victorious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?*

Lord, your love reaches beyond the grave to raise your son to a triumphant resurrection.

When we fear our death and the death of those we love: strengthen us in the knowledge that Christ has gone before us to reign with you, crowned with glory and honour. We pray for those departed this life that they too may be raised with Christ

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

He arose! He arose! **Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

*Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won. Death in vain forbids him rise; Christ has opened paradise.*

May we go from this Easter Day service rejoicing. Determined to live a resurrection life and show the world that we are your disciples.

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

### **Intercessions for Second Sunday of Easter Year (Low Sunday) A – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Mighty God, what an amazing gift we have received! We have been born again through the resurrection and even though we have not seen the Risen Christ we love and believe in him, rejoicing with all Christians in an indescribable and glorious joy.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, like Thomas we will still face times of doubt and uncertainty but we know that we are not alone in our doubts and that you, our Father in heaven, continue to love us whatever our state of mind or body. We give you thanks for our fellow Christians here in the Costa Blanca Chaplaincy.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for peace in our troubled world. Wherever nations are at war, especially in Ukraine and people are suffering, we pray for true reconciliation. Protect all Christian people in the nations of the world, and help them to influence their country for the good of all.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we pray for the times when our doubts, our fears and our blinkered vision prevents us from taking care of our immediate family and household or when through our busyness, we take no part in the life of our neighbourhood or wider community.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God, we hold before you, those whom life has damaged and all who find it difficult to trust in you. We pray that you will push aside their doubts and fears and bring them hope, comfort, and healing and with it an inner peace.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God we pray for those who approach death with great fear and those who have died unprepared to meet you. Have mercy on us them, forgive them all that is past and gather them into your everlasting kingdom of peace and joy.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God we thank you that our time of worship renews our faith and trust in you and your risen son Jesus Christ. Send us out into the coming week ready to show our gratitude and live the Good News of Easter.

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

**Intercessions for Third Sunday of Easter Year A – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

Holy God, as we gather in fellowship and worship to hear your word, to sing your praise and to break bread in the presence of the Risen Christ, walk with us as individuals and as the Church of God on our Road to Emmaus. Open our eyes, as you did with Jesus' companions, to the reality and truth of the resurrection.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our Chaplains and Readers who preach the Gospel bringing a light to those in darkness and words of love to those in need of comfort.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God your son walked the roads and tracks of the Holy Land and taught us to seek your hand in the beauty and wonders of earth and sea and the sky. We so often see too much of the evidence of poor stewardship in our surroundings and it is easy to forget that the world belongs to you. Help us to recognise your presence in our modern world, and help us to use more wisely the resources of the earth.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Saviour, who walks with us on our life's journey. We pray for all who travel with us in our family, among our friends and within this community. We pray for a deepening awareness of our need for one another and of your image in the hearts of everyone we meet.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, send your son to walk with those we know who are going through a time of suffering and pain. Help us to always be aware of one another's needs and to respond accordingly and assist them with words and deeds on to the road of recovery.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God accompany those travelling, through the valley of death and may our love and prayers support those who walk that journey today.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God as we go from our worship today, out into your world, we thank you for walking alongside us wherever we travel and, if like those first disciples, we fail to be aware of you forgive us for our human weakness and open our eyes to see you as a constant companion and friend.

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

**Intercessions for Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Lord, you are our Shepherd and we pray that you will protect us from all danger by keeping watch over us, guide us towards green pastures where we can be nourished by your word and lead us to pure still waters where we can be refreshed by your love.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Lord, you are our Shepherd and we pray for our church leaders that they too may care for and lead us by following the example of love and service you demonstrated in your earthly ministry.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Lord, you are our Shepherd and we pray for the world that was given to us as an inheritance, on the understanding that we would care for it as shepherds care for their flocks. Teach us to look after our beautiful planet and care for it wisely, whilst sharing its gifts more fairly and working together with all of its inhabitants to ease its sufferings.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Lord, you are our Shepherd and we pray for our families and friends who need to hear the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd; who knows every one of them by name; who offers rest to the weary and salvation to sinners and life eternal to all who accept him into their lives.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Lord, you are our Shepherd who seeks out the lost and the sick. We pray for those we know who are lost in illness and ask you to reassure them with the knowledge that you are watching over them in their suffering and that many are praying for their recovery..

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Lord, you are our Shepherd so we pray for those who have died and for those who ache with sorrow in their loss of a loved one. May those we now name before you find rest in the Spirit's embrace as you welcome them into the great sheepfold, safe in your keeping for ever

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Lord, you are our Shepherd, and we thank you for this time we have shared in prayer and thanksgiving. In the week ahead we ask you to lead us down the streets of our towns and villages and guide us safely along the roads and motorways we travel.

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

**Intercessions for Fifth Sunday of Easter 5 -Year A – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Risen and reigning Lord, assure our troubled hearts that you have gone to prepare a place for us, so that where you are, we may be also. You alone are the way, the truth, and the life by whom the Father comes to us, so that through you, we have seen him and know him.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Risen and reigning Lord, how often are we like Thomas questioning your son Jesus whilst thinking that we're on our own to work things out. Help us to listen to your promises, to receive your assurances, to let you remove troubles from our hearts and may we always remember your constant presence with us. We pray for our Chaplaincy Team and all who strive to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Risen and reigning Lord, we pray for those people of the world featured in the news: the victims of accident, war, disease, violence, greed and natural disasters. We pray for Hope and we pray for peace in Ukraine and Sudan and all other countries torn apart by senseless violence.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Risen and reigning Lord, on this day, following the Coronation of King Charles III, we pray for Charles at the start of his reign and Camilla, our Queen, and the Royal Family and pray that they all be guided and strengthened by your Holy Spirit, to serve The United Kingdom in love and service

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Risen and reigning Lord, we pray for family and colleagues, friends and lovers, for neighbours and strangers; for those with whom we break bread at home, at work, in the community, and in our church; for all who grow, harvest and prepare the food we eat and for those who cook it and serve it.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Risen and reigning Lord, whose touch alone could heal the sick, hear our prayers for your servants who are ill as we ask for your help and mercy to restore them to health.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Risen and reigning Lord, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us, and the fellowship of the church family around us until we are reunited once more in that family house which is your heavenly kingdom.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Risen and reigning Lord, we thank you for showing us the Way, in human terms that we find easier to understand and which helps us to recognise all the wonderful things in your world for which we should be grateful

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

**Intercessions for Sixth Sunday of Easter -Year A – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Gracious God, you are anything but unknown to us for you made us, our world and everything in it and so we pray with one voice, proclaiming your presence to all the earth.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Holy God we pray for your church throughout the world, for sceptics and believers, for clergy high and low. For all those who seek God at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews, for all who search for life. We pray for the stillness to listen to the voice of the Spirit and to recognise what our personal relationship with you has done for us.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for prime ministers and presidents, for bosses and wardens; for leaders and trendsetters. For those who set the targets at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews. For all who wield power, that they may be guided by the Spirit of Truth. We especially pray for the newly crowned King Charles III, for Queen Camilla and the Royal Family following the wonderful Coronation last weekend.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for family and colleagues, friends and lovers, for neighbours and strangers, For those with whom we break bread at home, at work, in the community, and in our church, For all who grow, harvest and prepare the food we eat and for those who cook it and serve it.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for the sick and troubled, for the fearful and alone, for those in pain at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews. We pray that all who suffer, may feel the Spirits healing presence. We especially ask for healing for.....

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for those kept fresh in our memory and for those long forgotten, For all who ever took the breath of life at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews. We pray for mercy and forgiveness for the dead and those who mourn



them, may they find rest in the Spirit's embrace and we commend them to your keeping for ever.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of heaven and earth, companion in life, Spirit of truth, to you alone we turn our eyes and lift our hearts. Help us as we go out into the world to keep your commandments and to love one another as you love us.

Merciful Father:

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Intercessions for Seventh Sunday of Easter -Sunday after Ascension – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

Almighty God, may our prayers ascend to you just as Jesus Christ, your son, was taken up to heaven. As we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus let it inspire in us feelings of joy and hope rather than fear and separation as we await the coming of the Holy Spirit.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God we pray for our Bishops, Robert and David, and all Church Leaders; for all the clergy, readers and laity who serve this Chaplaincy giving thanks that it is now fully staffed. May the Lord bless our Chaplaincy Team and guide them in their work as we move forward together to live the Gospel in the Costa Blanca.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for our troubled world its peoples and their leaders. We pray for those caught up in war, and violence, and hatred; especially the innocent victims of these evils and those who are abused because of Christ. May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that we may vanquish injustice and wrong and that the suffering won't last forever.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we pray for all the people that we encounter in our daily lives. Help us to recognise Christ in one another however stressed and tired they may be. We ask that you help us to recognise the risen Christ in the face of someone we meet today and give us an opportunity to brighten their day with a smile or a word.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all those in need; for those who are filled with guilt; who are broken-hearted; who are confused and afraid; or saddened because a relationship has broken down. We pray for all suffering from illness, particularly those requesting our prayers and give joyful thanks for those on the road to recovery.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we pray for all who have died; especially those who encouraged us in our faith by their example. As we pray for them, may they in turn continue to pray for us that we may stay true to our faith and give the same kind of example ourselves to others.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God, as we go out into the coming week make us mindful that we should constantly pray for your world and your people just as Jesus, your son, prayed for his disciple before returning to you.

**Merciful Father: Accept these prayers for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Intercessions for The Day of Pentecost – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Mighty God, as we are gathered together here in hope and in faith, we ask you to minister to our needs. Send the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, we pray for our church leaders, that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit and that the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture. That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, and discrimination.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we pray for our Chaplaincy communities, that each of us will be open to the opportunities to give of our individual talents enabling each church group to flourish as a witness to the “One Body” of the church. We pray that each baptized Christian may develop more fully his or her response to all the gifts which the Spirit bestows for the service of the Body of Christ,

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God we pray for your world and its peoples with all their needs, questions and longings. So often we struggle to understand the reasons behind acts of terrorism; and yet we know that in the midst of such events your love is shown in the acts of bravery, selflessness and compassion which followed. We pray for all who suffer in such dreadful circumstances and for those who are tasked with rescue, providing the medical and community support and, eventually, in the long task of reconstruction.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all those who are sick; guide them and strengthen them through their illness. We pray also for those who care for the sick, those engaged in the caring professions and for family members who look after loved ones and especially for children who care for parents.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, pray for all those who have died: give them a place at your banquet in heaven. May the Holy Spirit, who purifies us of sin and raises the dead, bring all our departed loved ones into the fullness of your presence.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Everlasting God, on this Day of Pentecost, we rejoice in the wonderful gift of your Spirit. Send him again into our hearts, into our lives, and into our world.

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

**Prayers For Trinity Sunday – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, on this special day, we have come before you to offer our praise and adoration. You are God, the creator, giving us richly all things to

enjoy. You are Christ the Saviour of the world, made flesh to set us free. You are the Spirit of truth and love, willing to dwell in us. You are holy and blessed. One God, eternal Trinity, be near to us the people formed in your image, and close to the world, your love brings to life.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we pray for your church throughout the world, for those that are thriving and those which have lost a sense of direction. We give thanks for our chaplaincy and its people, and gladly acknowledge all the gifts you have given us through its life, we ask you to open wide our hearts that we may welcome the stranger and share our faith with others. You, Lord, have chosen men and women to serve you in the ministry of your church and have given them a perfect example in the person of your son

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember all who bear the responsibility of leadership, for heads of state, ambassadors and political advisers, we think today particularly of all in authority that they may never be tempted to abuse or misuse their power.; let your will for our world be accomplished through the decisions they make and give them a vision of peace and reconciliation for you Lord can find a way when men and women are lost.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we pray for peace in the world, in our communities and our families: create in us a love for peace, not peace that is absent from struggle, nor peace that is blind to injustice but the peace that makes whole what now is broken.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember this morning those who are sick, sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember before God, those who have died and we pray for all whose life is saddened by the death of a loved one, be with them in their loneliness and let them know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world a light which no darkness can quench. We especially pray for those killed in the London terrorist attack last week.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, lead us into the coming week, Son of God, help us to believe that you are close to us, Spirit of God, keep us from making mistakes, Triune God, help us never to disappoint you, and when we face hard decisions or difficult work, when we enjoy ourselves and have fun with others may we know that you share these times with us.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Intercessions for First Sunday after Trinity Year A**

Almighty God, we ask you guide your Church especially when differences amongst us seem to threaten our very existence. We face each other, but often do not see the face. We too easily make “an other” of one another. Help us now to look again, to see Jesus in the face and to recognise hopes, aspirations and desires.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, we are part of the tensions and injustices of the world: heal the resentment between people, and intervene in the world’s conflicts. Help us to walk humbly with you at our side and when we come to the crossroads and have to choose which way to go lead us down the path of justice and righteousness whilst steering us away from the road that leads to selfishness and sin.

**Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer**

Father God, help us to be gentle, with others and with ourselves. Give us, we pray, the calm that makes for consideration and the respect for others that makes us courteous. Take from us hard words and the cynical look. Let us be to others as we would wish them to be to us and, when we fail, forgive us and when they fail, heal us.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Caring God, we pray for all those who are afflicted by physical, emotional or mental illness. Help them to keep their eyes fixed on you, and give them the courage to face the trials and temptations that may come. Especially we pray for.....

(add names of those requesting prayer)

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Holy God, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love and with those whom we love and have gone before us. We pray now for those who have recently died and those bereaved by their passing.

(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we thank you for hearing our prayers and as we move into the coming week help us to remember our Saviour's words as he sent his disciples out into the world "As you go, proclaim the good news, the Kingdom of Heaven has come near".

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

### **Intercessions for Saints. Peter and Paul**

Heavenly Father the light of your revelation brought Peter and Paul the gift of faith in Jesus your Son. Through their prayers may we always give thanks for your life given us in Christ Jesus, and for having been enriched by him in all knowledge and love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Lord Jesus built his Church on the apostles. United with them, in faithfulness to the Gospel's teaching and way of life, we pray for our individual and communal roles in this Chaplaincy. We pray for our bishops, that they grow in union with Peter, share the zeal of Paul, and lead us by the grace of the Holy Spirit,

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Heavenly Father we pray for all who, like the apostles, are persecuted for their faith, and for each of us, that we might be faithful when we are ridiculed or insulted for practising our religion. We pray for the poor and the oppressed, and those who live in war-torn parts of the world.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Heavenly Father we pray for the sick and the suffering. For those undergoing treatments and surgery. For those convalescing and those who are recovered., that through the intercession of the apostles, that they may all experience the light of the Gospel,

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Heavenly Father we remember those who have been united to Christ in a death like his and those whose faith is known to you alone, and we pray that they will be united with Christ in his resurrection

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Heavenly Father we rejoice in the call to belong to the Church, to believe in the Gospel, and to be united with the successors of your Apostles.

### **Intercessions for Second Sunday after Trinity Year A–18<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Holy God, St. Mathew reminds us of the privilege of suffering for Christ. We know that to share the work of Christ we have to share the sacrifice of Christ. Help us when Christianity is hard, and teach us to say to ourselves that when we suffer, we are following in the footsteps of Jesus.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God, look down with love upon our Church here in the Costa Blanca Chaplaincy as day by day we struggle to be a body worthy of Jesus' name. We pray especially for the Christian churches who face daily persecution. Strengthen, comfort and encourage all those who suffer harassment, violence, imprisonment and even death for being followers of Jesus

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we live in a world becoming more secular and less religious every day, help us as Christians to stand up for Jesus against world opinion in the sure knowledge that he stands up for us before you, our Father in heaven.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, at times your son offers us hard choices; to choose sometimes between the closest ties of earth and loyalty to him. Free us from making decisions that are for our comfort or for the approval of others. Help us to understand that good choices don't always lead to the easiest outcomes.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for the sick and the suffering. For those undergoing treatments and surgery, for those convalescing and those who are recovered, that through our intercessions they may all experience a full recovery. As we also pray for those who will not recover, we remember the words of Jesus that “Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, through the death of your son Jesus Christ you have freed us from the grip of the tomb. We pray for those who have departed this life and ask you, through your loving kindness, to have mercy on their souls and uphold and sustain those bereaved by their passing.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God in the week that lies before us may we reflect your love in our families, our church and our community and in doing so, show everyone we meet that we are followers of Christ with a true desire to draw them into our Christian faith.

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

**Intercessions for Third Sunday after Trinity Year A – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Holy God, you have given us your only Son to be for us, both a sacrifice for sin, and an example of Godly life; Give us the grace to thankfully receive this wonderful gift, and to always strive ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God, We pray for the Church, both here in The Anglican Chaplaincy of the Costa Blanca and throughout the world, and all who call themselves Christians, that they may go forward in unity and strength. Help us to respect the beliefs of others even if we do not share them, to celebrate what we have in common and to accept our differences. Guide us all in our ministries as we live each day.



*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for people in parts of the world where life is precarious, whether through disaster, poverty, disease, or war. We pray that the time may be hastened when there is peace on earth and goodwill between all people. Especially we pray for our precious world; help us to be good stewards so that we can pass it on in good order to the generations yet to come.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we pray today for our friends, our families and our Christian community, that united by our common baptism we may always welcome the newcomer, the stranger and all who are vulnerable. Help us always to follow Jesus' words and advice on hospitality and generous giving and realise that accepting someone's help is as good as giving someone help.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit and for those who care for them. We pray for the sick; for those who mourn; for those without faith, hope or love. We especially pray for

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*. We remember them now in a moment of silence.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, We remember before God those who have died and those who are bereaved by their passing. We give back to you, Lord, those whom you gave to us. Your son taught us that life is eternal and that love cannot die. So death is only a horizon, and a horizon is only the limit of our sight. Open our eyes to see more clearly, and draw us closer to you, so that we may know we are nearer to our loved ones, who are with you.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God in the week that lies before us may we reflect your love in our families, our church and our community and in doing so, show everyone we meet that we are followers of Christ with a true desire to draw them into our Christian faith.

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

### **Intercessions for Fourth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**

Holy God, and Lord of the Dance, we raise our prayers to you in the power of the Spirit which unites us with Christ Jesus trusting that you will hear our prayers and use them to accomplish your will for the world and for the church. *(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God, we pray for all people who seek to follow your way in their lives. Let your church speak your word of truth with confidence and in unity so that those who are searching and listening will be able to see and hear clearly your message of love and peace.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for people and nations whose troubles drown out your music of harmony and where the violent heat of anger seeks to destroy your word of peace.

*(Short Silence)*

#### *Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Father God, we pray for the people around us in our neighbourhoods and our places of work. Give us sensitivity and insight into their needs and vulnerabilities so that we may learn truly to love our neighbours as ourselves.

*(Short Silence)*

#### *Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Gracious God, we pray for people we know who are ill, anxious or bereaved, and for those that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens. We pray that you will lead them, and us, in peace towards healing and wholeness of mind and spirit.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

#### *Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Merciful God, many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly for these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Loving God, we offer ourselves to you in faith and confidence. Show us as we go out into the world how we can best prepare ourselves to be part of your response to our prayers. Fill us with the Spirit of life which was in Christ Jesus, your Son and our Saviour.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Intercessions for Fifth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Everlasting God, we bring our prayers to you, Lord of all nations, asking that your blessing of love and peace may be known to all people everywhere. Help us to bear abundant fruit from the seeds of potential that you have planted within us.

*(Short Silence)*

*Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer*

Holy God, we pray for your church, especially for the people you have called to be prophets and teachers in our generation. We pray that they will be strengthened and protected by the Holy Spirit and that through them your Church will reveal the good news of salvation and draw all people together under your rule of justice and mercy.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we are your chosen stewards of this beautiful world; you provide us with seed and soil to sow them in but sometimes we abuse this privilege and so we look to you for forgiveness for the damage we have done to this earth and pray that you would show us ways of healing the wounds that we have inflicted on the land, ourselves and on each other.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we pray that in our communities all will be welcome and accepted regardless of nationality, colour, gender or status and that we will seek always to serve you and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in one another.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we raise before you all those who seek healing of body, mind or spirit asking that they will sense the touch of your loving hands and feel your peace and presence alongside them, each and every step of their journey towards healing and wholeness.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

*Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer*

Loving God, we remember before you all those who have died. May they see your salvation and find their peace and final rest in you and we especially pray for those who were a formative part of our lives, who made us who we are and who we still miss.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God, we offer you these prayers for ourselves and for others. We ask you to accept them and to use them, and us so that your will may be done on earth and more of your kingdom revealed to those who seek you.

**Merciful Father: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Intercessions for Sixth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Everlasting God, we join together in praying to you for the needs of the church, the world, our communities and ourselves, trusting in your love which reaches out from before the foundation of the world.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Holy God, whenever we start to get offended by your generosity or open-mindedness, give us the grace to repent and join your rejoicing. Guard the Church against self-righteousness and all rules and limits which you would not own, but keep always before us the rule of love.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for your world. Forgive us when we are ungrateful when spiritual blindness prevents us from appreciating the wonder of your creation and the endless cycle of nature. Forgive us for taking without giving; reaping without sowing. We pray for the farmers of the world, many of whom still use those methods described by Jesus and we especially pray that they may be treated with fairness for their labours. We especially remember those who work with the land here in the Costa Blanca suffering so badly from climate change.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Father God, we thank you for the love we share with our families and our friends. We recognise that they may have faults and they love us in spite of ours. Help us to be flexible and adaptable in all of our relationships and also capable of accepting constructive criticism.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Loving God and Lord of life, we pray for the gift of courage to face up to and cope with illness. We pray for it for ourselves, and for those who we now name before you .....

We thank you for those who through their courage have come through illness and for those facing the reality that there is little light at the end of their earthly tunnel.

*(Short Silence)*

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

**Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, give us ears to hear and minds to understand the message of immortality for the children of your kingdom so that we may look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. We especially pray for any we know who have recently died and are on that journey to you.

*(Short Silence)*

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

**Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the opportunity of being together in prayer. As we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

### **Intercessions for Seventh Sunday after Trinity Year A – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**

Almighty God, as a church we daily pray that “Your Kingdom Come” but most of the time we so often live in ways that prevent its coming. We spend too much of our time trying to build our own human kingdom, putting ourselves, rather than you, the centre of our lives. Send your spirit to remind us that you are “First” and others are “Second” and we are “Third”.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Holy God, we pray for your church especially in our chaplaincy, the clergy and reader, the wardens and officials and all those who serve on church councils. Thank you too for those who provide music, hospitality and flowers; those who assist, serve read and pray.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Creator God, we thank you for the example of leadership given to us by your Son, Jesus Christ, in his life on earth. We pray for the renewal of a spirit of humility and a sense of responsibility among leaders of this world that the hungry might be fed and the oppressed might be freed to live in peace.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Father God, we worship you as the one who has given us this life and we ask that you will help us to live it to the full. At home may we be the friends and neighbours that we really want to be. Help us to spread the warmth of your love to everyone we meet. We especially pray at this time for all who visit us and the Costa Blanca and for all who cater for them as they enjoy their holidays.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Mighty God, we thank you for your love and compassion for all who suffer in body, mind and spirit. We pray that your healing presence will calm their fears, ease their

pain and bring light into the darkness of all who are sick. We ask that you be with us, and all who need your loving touch at this time.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Merciful God,, through the ministry of your son Jesus Christ you have freed us from the grip of the tomb. We pray for those who have departed this life and ask you, through your loving kindness, to have mercy on their souls. We pray too for those bereaved by their passing.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Gracious God, hear these prayers we offer you in his name. By the power of your Holy Spirit work within us and among us to bring your kingdom into this world. Let your will be done so that all people may live only for your praise and glory.

**Merciful Father: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

### **Intercessions for Eighth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Everlasting God, may the worship of your Church throughout the world be attentive and expectant, ready to be set on fire again and again with the outrageous foolishness of loving, without exceptions and without limits.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, may all that encourages the people of the world in goodness, honesty and compassion be blessed and grow; may all that encourages self-seeking and cruelty, prejudice and deceit wither and be exposed as the unsatisfying rubbish it is. May we learn from one another's cultures and respect one another's differences.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, we thank you for the joy of human love, and for all those among whom we live and work. We pray particularly for loved ones who worry us with their health, or circumstances, or life direction. We pray for those among our friends and families who do not know you, or whose faith has been shaken.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all whose backgrounds make belief in a loving God laughable or terrifying.

We pray for all who suffer mental or emotional anguish and those who despair. We pray for those facing another day of pain, another day of hunger, another day of fear.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, gather into your eternal kingdom all who have come to the end of this earthly life and rejoice to see you as you really are. We remember all whom we love but can no longer see, and thank you for your overarching love and undergirding faithfulness to us.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we remember with gratitude all who gave up so much to bring the good news to our country and pray that with us it may continue to be spread until the whole earth knows of your truth and love.

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

**Intercessions for The Feast of the Transfiguration Year A – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

Mighty God, it is good that we are gathered here to worship you in love and fellowship and so we make our prayer to you trusting in your power to transfigure and heal. Help us to set our faces steadfastly to where you would have us go.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we ask that you look with favour on your Church as it proclaims your beloved Son to the world whilst always listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. May our congregations be clothed in dazzling splendour, changed and renewed in holiness and always reflect your glory in the world.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**



Father God, we pray for your troubled world. May all that encourages people in goodness, honesty and compassion be blessed and grow; may all that encourages self-seeking and cruelty, prejudice and deceit, wither and be exposed as the unsatisfying rubbish it is. May we learn from one another's cultures and respect one another's differences.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Holy God, we pray for the people of our parish especially for those who feel excluded, exploited or ignored. We pray that as God's people we may work to build a community as open and generous as God's love shown to us in Christ Jesus.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Holy God, We pray that God will bring healing in mind, body and spirit to all who are troubled. We pray that in lives darkened by any kind of pain, distress or grief the light of Christ will bring comfort, hope and a sense of God's all-encompassing love.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, look in mercy on the departed that they may see your salvation and find their peace and final rest in you:

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we thank you for this time together in prayer and as we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do.

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

*Or*

**Intercessions for Ninth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

Heavenly Father your Son Jesus calls us to step out onto the water with him, and to leave the safety of our boats, and to walk toward Him in faith. He asks us to join with Him in the work He is already doing in our world.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Gracious Lord, we thank you for the world you have created. We pray for greater wisdom and responsibility in our stewardship of this earth. We pray for fishermen and seafarers and all who brave the seas to bring us food and trade goods from the farthest reaches of our planet.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our saviour, who walks with us on our life's journey. We pray for all who travel with us in our family, among our friends and within this community. We pray for a deepening awareness of our need for one another and of your image in the hearts of everyone we meet.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Loving God, we thank You for the gift of life and pray for those whose lives are troubled by illness, grief, poverty or injustice. We pray that in the darkness of their suffering and pain Your light will shine to bring them the assurance and hope they need. We remember at this time those known personally to us and those who have requested our prayers thinking especially of — — — —

*(Short Silence)*

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, we place in your loving keeping all those who have died — — — — We remember before you those whose year's mind falls now — — — —

Lord, we pray that we too may show in our lives the promise of heaven's love, joy and peace and we ask for your comfort and peace to be on all who mourn.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Merciful God, we thank you for your promise to hear our prayers. Strengthen our faith in that promise so that our lives might proclaim your love, mercy and goodness made visible in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, and when the wind and waves get high and threaten to overwhelm us, help us remember Jesus' words: *"Take courage. It is I. Don't be afraid. ."*

**Merciful Father: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Intercessions for Tenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of friends and loved ones before Him. And so, loving our neighbours as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we pray today O Lord for your blessing to be upon this congregation, upon this church and upon our Chaplaincy, and for your presence to be seen vividly in what we do and say each day. We pray that your joy and your love will flow freely in and through us and that we might never be a temptation to those around us.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, we pray for all in authority that they may never be tempted to abuse or misuse their power. We continue to pray for persecuted Christian believers and for minority Christian communities where they are under pressure and for all who suffer for their faith.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, we pray for the times when our blinkered vision prevents us from taking care of our immediate family and household or when through our busyness, we take no part in the life of our neighbourhood or wider community.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus can free us from our burdens and heal our bodies and spirits. We pray for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. We pray too for those suffering from addiction of any kind and ask that you help them to put the temptation of Satan and the world behind them.

*(Short Silence)*

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, we commend into your hands those who have departed this life. You gave them breath and loved them through their journey of life. Receive them now at the end of that journey into your eternal presence and may their souls rest in everlasting peace.

*(Short Silence)*

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

Gracious God, as we go out into the world we pray that we may reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can witness that we are followers of Christ and draw others into his loving care.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

### **Intercessions for Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Year A – 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

Loving God we recognise our responsibility to encourage and uphold one another and to live together in peace and love. We also recognise our needs and our human weaknesses and come to you now with our prayers and petitions.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we pray for your church and ask that it might always provide a solid foundation upon which we can anchor our lives. We especially pray for Christians who pay a heavy price for their faith; who daily experience hostility, from their governments, employers and neighbours, as a result of their identification with Christ.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you created us to be stewards of your creation but we have chopped down forests, polluted the air, poisoned the rivers and seas, destroyed the places where animals live and then pursued them to extinction. Help us change our ways so that we can look after the world, and to make it the way that you want it to be.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, help us be reliable and honest in what we do, and friendly to all we meet in our daily lives. Help us always to give our best, to work to our fullest and never be ashamed to confess your name. In our leisure time, help us to play hard, but to play fair. Help us to win without boasting, and to lose graciously without making excuses.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, We pray for the ill, the lonely and distressed especially those tormented by the demon of mental illness. We pray for healing and wholeness in their lives and we pray for ourselves. Help us to bring life and love, joy and hope, to those who live in despair.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, remember the souls of your servants now fallen asleep and for those who are saddened by their passing. Be with the bereaved in their loneliness and give them the faith to look beyond their present troubles to your Son Jesus Christ who died and rose again and who lives forevermore.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, forgive us when we only turn to you when things trouble us and when we forget to thank you for your blessings and bounty. Help us to recognise all the wonderful things in your world for which we should be grateful and send us out into the coming week ready to show our gratitude in all that we do and say.

**Merciful Father: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Intercessions for Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

Everlasting God, we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ and for revealing him as Messiah and Saviour of the World. Thank you that your son gave St Peter the keys to the kingdom as a reward for his lively and outspoken faith and so became the bedrock foundation of your church here on earth.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Everlasting God, we thank you for our church leaders; locally in our Chaplaincy and throughout the Anglican Communion. We pray too for our relationship with The Roman Catholic Church and give thanks for being allowed to use their premises for our worship. We pray for all who preach your word, inspire, lead and grow us as disciples as we reach out to those in need in our communities and in our world.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, we pray for our world leaders; for the Royal Families of Great Britain and Spain; for Heads of State in Europe, The Commonwealth and for the United Nations.

We also pray for our national and community leaders and those in public office dealing with difficult situations especially those involved in the complex negotiations for Brexit.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, we pray for our children and grandchildren who are returning back to school, colleges and universities to continue their education, help us pass on to them the wisdom that has been passed down to us from the generations before us. Help all students in their daily lessons; give them the wisdom to listen and learn. Help their teachers and give them patience and knowledge to teach well and help them all as together they learn the lessons of life.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we ask for your wisdom to discern your wishes and direction in our lives and ask for your help to discern how to deal with others in our daily lives; those we live and work with; those we meet in shops and supermarkets; those with whom we share our roads and those who serve us in cafes and restaurants. May we never be a “stumbling block” to those we meet in our daily lives.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for all who we know who are housebound and in nursing homes; those in hospitals, in recovery and rehabilitation. We thank you for our local hospitals, health centres and clinics and for all those working in sheltered accommodation and care homes.

*(Short Silence)*

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, we pray for all those departed this life and for those who are bereaved by their passing. Help us to be sympathetic, caring and loving with the bereaved and always ready to help practically and to pray diligently in their time of greatest need.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Holy God, we thank you that your wisdom not only enlightens us but transforms us and guides us as we go from this place of worship and into our daily walk through life with you.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

### **Intercessions for Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

Through these prayers we come with openness to express our concerns for the Church and the world, to the God of compassion and gracious understanding.

Everlasting God, whenever we start to get offended by your generosity or open-mindedness, give us the grace to repent and join your rejoicing. Guard the Church against self-righteousness and all rules and limits which you would not own, but keep always before us the rule of love.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Creator God, increase in us love not only for the victims but for the perpetrators of evil and violence in our world; for all governments which run on corruption and fear. We pray for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, may our closeness to family and friends make us never exclusive, shutting others out, but always inclusive, welcoming others. Encourage us in outgoing hospitality and keep us from becoming possessive with those we love.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for all offenders in prison, that on release they will not re-offend but find enough support to start a new life in the community. We pray for all who are

vulnerable and unable to cope with the demands of life, for alcoholics, drug addicts and all who are sick in mind. We pray for proper, compassionate help for them.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for those who have died alone, un-mourned and unnoticed. We pray for those who have committed suicide or died in accidents of their own making. We commend them, to your merciful love.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, thank you for helping us to pray; deepen our loving so that as we pray through this coming week we may do it with your heart of compassion.

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour**

**Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **Intercessions for Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Everlasting God, Lord of compassion and gracious understanding, we come with an openness to express our concerns for the Church and the world, and to thank you, for your goodness.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful God we recognise that the work of helping people through life can leave church leaders vulnerable to spiritual attack. We thank you for our church leaders and pray that they won't allow criticism or negativity to blunt their ministry; that they will hear encouragement, and that they will always respond in love and forgiveness when difficulties arise.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for our world, where through television, we see the misery and tragedy brought about by wrong choices and brought into our homes day by day. We pray for wisdom and compassion in all negotiations and decisions taken by our world



and local leaders; and ask that there be humility in leadership and responsibility for right action shared by all.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, help us to use our influence and the talents you have given us to bring peace, joy and fun into people's lives, instead of stirring up strife. We pray for the thousands of families who come to the Costa Blanca on holiday. We pray that they would enjoy themselves, and enjoy each other. May their visit bring not only pleasure but restoration and healing into their lives.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we raise before you those from our chaplaincy who are ill, hospitalised or recuperating and for those we know within our families and circle of friends especially.....

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, give us ears to hear and minds to understand the message of immortality for the children of your kingdom so that we may look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. And we especially pray for any we know who recently died and are on that journey to you.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, forgive us for those times when we treat ourselves with less kindness than you do. We want to believe in ourselves the way you believe in us and so as we go out to live the coming week show us more of the life you have designed especially for us to live

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

**Intercessions for Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Holy God, you have called us here today; and so as we gather in your house we offer to you our prayers which stem from our love for you and our love and concern for those we love and for the people of the world.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, when the Church joins together, we can show people a much fuller picture of Jesus and His Kingdom. We pray for your church, and the churches in our local community, and ask that there will be a growing desire to get together and get out. We give you thanks for those who come up with fresh ways of making your name known to the wider community and for those who work so hard to make fellowship and fund-raising events so pleasurable and financially successful.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray not only for the victims but for the perpetrators of evil and violence in our world; for all governments which run on corruption and fear. We pray for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, forgive us when we waste our lives by being too busy to enjoy your creation. Teach us how to make spaces in the day to do the things we most enjoy. Just as you rested from your work, help us to practise the discipline of recreation and help me to become your hands and feet in my street so that my neighbours will one day ask me to tell them more about you.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, help those we know and love to turn away from habits which are harmful to them. Help them to turn to you in times of crisis, rather than reaching for quick-fix solutions. Lord, we also bring to you those we know who are ill or suffering in any way. Give them healing and restore them in body, mind and spirit. We especially pray for.....

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, we remember in your presence all those who have died, and particularly those we have known and loved. Thank you for them and thank you for your promise of eternal life and peace. Be close to those who are recently bereaved, strengthen them with the knowledge that you are always there to lean on and to be carried through difficult times.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, at the start of this new week, help us to be an example to others and show us the practical steps we need to take to develop consistency and integrity in all that we do in our lives.

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

### **Intercessions for Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Everlasting God, you do everything possible for our spiritual growth and well-being, but yet we so often choose the path of hostility and rejection.

Let us pray trustfully to the God who has loved us into being and cherished us all our lives.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we pray for your Church; for Bishops, Priests and Deacons; for Readers and Lay Ministers; for Churchwardens and PCC's; that they will know how to strike the right balance between their work and family lives. We pray that You will give them courage when they need to resist being controlled by others, and will teach them to take control with understanding, always reflecting the love of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, refugees continue to flee from crisis throughout the world, and over half of them are children. Lord God we pray for all those who have willingly invested their time and energy in serving the most vulnerable in the world, that they will find opportunities to rest, and will be strengthened for their work. We also remember aid workers throughout the rest of the world working in places and situations that are no longer newsworthy; give them the encouragement to continue their invaluable contribution of love and care for those people rebuilding their lives after man-made or natural disasters.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for all those working on the land in the Costa Blanca: in vineyards and olive groves, those producing citrus fruit, almonds and walnuts. Help them in their labours especially in these times of climate change and enable them all to get a fair price for the tremendously hard work they undertake. We pray also for the world's supermarket chains asking that they put the welfare of the farming community before massive profit achieved through exploitation.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for abundant life for anyone we know who has recently been given bad news about their health or the health of a loved-one. Lord, help us know what to say and when to speak. May we always be ready to give practical help whenever we can and to ensure that those on their own are able to manage and cope with the day to day life.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, when death separates from us those we love and we find it hard to live without them, take from us all bitterness and resentment and help us to remember that death has no power at all over the peace you give and the love we shared with the departed goes beyond the grave.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, as we prepare for the week to come, help us to know Christ and the power of his resurrection day by day and in the sharing of his sufferings to become more like him in his death.

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

**Intercessions for Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

Holy God you made our world to be like a vineyard and choose a people to be its tenants. May we who are now the workers in that vastly changed vineyard prove to be worthy of the work you trust us to do in Jesus' name.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Mighty God, we pray for our church; that Christ may be the cornerstone of all that we do in his name. May we, his living church be the solid blocks of a spiritual community which continues to hold fast in an ever secular world.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God as we pray for our world we especially pray for all who like St Paul have suffered the loss of all things for the sake of their faith in Jesus Christ. We raise before you organisations like the Barnabas Fund which aids Christians living under persecution or in threatening environments with finance and prayers. We join our prayers with them as we ask for courage and strength for all persecuted Christians, their communities and churches.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we thank you for the joy of human love, and for all those among whom we live and work. We pray particularly for loved ones who worry us with their health, or circumstances, or life direction. We pray for those among our friends and families who do not know you, or whose faith has been shaken.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus can free us from our burdens and heal our bodies and spirits. We pray for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. We pray too for those suffering from addiction of any kind and ask that you help them to put the temptation of Satan and the world behind them.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, as we pray for all departed this life help us to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. May those who have shared his sufferings have become like him in his death, and through that suffering and sharing attained the resurrection from the dead.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God, as we move into the coming week to live and work for the Gospel, help us to travel onwards with our eyes on the goal, to that place where you are beckoning us, onward to Jesus.

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

**Intercessions for Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Everlasting God, you want us to be a generous people offering our time, talents and money to your service. Guard us, Lord, from holding back when we should be letting go and honouring you as Lord of all we have. We pray for the work of our Chaplaincy and its ministers and officials especially for those who deal with the day to day finances of its work and deal with all the problems of balancing the books.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Holy God, we thank you for your creation and remember that you entrusted it to our care as stewards. Give us wisdom to manage our money and personal finances well and to practice heartfelt generosity. As we live each day, help us to treat our world fairly whilst receiving its goodness gratefully. Help us to remember that you are the giver of all we have and to put aside pride of ownership.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, we pray especially for the world's politicians and business leaders, those who manage economies and have responsibility to care for the environment. We also pray that all businesses, large and small pay their taxes in a fair and honest way rather than seeking to dodge their responsibilities

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, your word promises all the material things that we need to live but we find it hard to trust. We pray now for all those who struggle with the burden of personal debt: for those too frightened to face the problem, for couples who cannot talk about it, for children who cannot understand but live with the worry. We pray also for those who are consumed by money worries, anxious about jobs or homes or the future; those who feel they have lost control of money and cannot cope.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all who bear the burdens of pain, bereavement, anxiety and depression. We pray for those whose illness stems from financial problems. We pray that they may have an awareness of your presence and an understanding that you are bearing those burdens with them and always working towards their healing and wholeness.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, we remember with thankfulness and gratitude all those who have left their mark on our lives by giving us love and laughter, but who have now gone before us to be with Christ. We hold them in our hearts, knowing that you, Lord, hold them in yours.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, you have called and chosen us to spread the Good News of your son to the world. As we go out to another week help us to give the message to all we meet, at home, at work, in our leisure time and in our community.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

### **Intercessions for Harvest**

**Lord of the harvest we pray:-**

For farmers, their families and communities and all who depend on them,

For all who are worried about tomorrow and facing difficulties today,

For those who farm here in the Costa Blanca facing problems due to climate change.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For farming and fishing families and communities and all who depend on them.

For farmers who struggle to make a living, especially those who are tenants, and those who have large amounts of debt to service.

For fishing communities adapting to massive change, for an end to vicious rivalry within the European Community, for wisdom in implementing policies that will sustain and renew fish stocks while ensuring the viability of fishing businesses.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For agricultural chaplains, support groups and rural churches

For the communities in which they work and the people to whom they minister

For support groups throughout the farming world.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For retailers and suppliers

For all involved in the processing and transporting of food.

For livestock hauliers and auctioneers, for vets and agricultural advisers.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For urban communities far removed from food production

For children and young people with little knowledge of where their food comes from

For all involved in promoting locally produced food and opportunities for diversification and Fairtrade

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For those that go hungry and those who endeavour to feed them,

For relief agencies and aid workers giving help and healing to those in need,

For justice in world trade,

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For ourselves that we may eat with joy and with care;



For land and livestock and love for those who care for them,  
For a love of creation and a high view of human stewardship

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For the ability to appreciate your generosity

And a readiness to recognise our dependency on each other

And on you.

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

### **Intercessions for Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Year A -15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Everlasting God, you promised that your presence would always go with your chosen people, the Jews, so we pray that we too may always find you accompanying us on our life journey and that ultimately we would find your deep peace in our lives

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God we hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dearly as our own needs. Help us to love you with all our hearts and with all our souls and with all our minds and to love our neighbours as ourselves. With these commandments before us we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church here in the Costa Blanca and throughout the world.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, we pray for the peoples of the world that they may enjoy un-perverted justice whether they be poor or rich, great or small. We pray that those who use violence and terror to bring about their desires and those who then so readily seek revenge following acts of terrorism may instead pursue all that makes for peace.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, we thank you for our families and friends. We thank you for modern technology which enables us to hear and see them so easily and to keep in touch even though separated by great distances. We especially pray at this time for those friends

and family members in the UK as they enjoy a half-term break from schools and colleges.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has loosened our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift before you for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, your Son Jesus was moved to tears at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Look with compassion on those bereaved and grieving at the loss of a loved one; give to their troubled hearts the light of hope and strengthen in all of us the gift of faith, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, at the start of this new week and recognising your trust in us to live and preach the Gospel make us always more ready to please you rather than to seek the praise of the secular world

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Intercessions for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Year A -22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

Faithful God, sometimes our faith feels weak. The trials of life test our faith and we find it hard to rejoice. Help our faith to grow and help us realize that it is the most important thing in our lives. Show us how to rise above our human weaknesses and to grow stronger in our Christian Faith.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God help us to see that things which seem completely impossible becomes possible, if they are approached with faith. Help us to see that If we approach a thing saying, "It can't be done," it will not but if we approach it saying, "It must be done,"

the chances are that it will; always remembering that we approach no task alone, but that You and all Your power is with us.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for your world. Forgive us when we are ungrateful, when lack of faith and spiritual blindness prevents us from appreciating the wonder of your creation and the endless cycle of nature. Forgive us for taking without giving; reaping without sowing. We pray for the farmers of the world many of whom still use those methods described by Jesus and we especially pray that they may be treated with fairness for their labours. We especially remember those who work with the land here in the Costa Blanca suffering so badly from the lack of rain.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for our loved ones; for those who lift our hearts and those who turn our hair grey. We pray for those we instinctively warm to and those with whom there are frequent misunderstandings. We thank God for our opportunities of forgiveness.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Living God, we pray for the hungry and the homeless, the broken and bereaved. For all for whom this day brings sadness and little joy, for the sick, lonely and the helpless, for those whose hope has been shattered and their faith destroyed.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, we pray for those approaching death, that through our prayers they may know themselves accompanied with love on that journey. We pray for those who have died, that they may come to know the full joy of heaven.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

### **Christian Aid's prayer about tax justice**

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that we may work for economic justice for all people.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, hunger, homelessness and rejection, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in the world so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

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

### **Intercessions for the Last Sunday after Trinity Year A-29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Everlasting God, you made a covenant with our ancestors and pledged them descendants more numerous than the stars. Grant that all people may share in the blessings of your covenant, accomplished through the death and resurrection of your Son and sealed by the gift of your Spirit. Amen.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dearly as our own needs. Help us to love you with all our hearts and with all our souls and with all our minds and to love our neighbours as ourselves. With these commandments before us we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church here in the Costa Blanca and throughout the world.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for the peoples of the world that they may enjoy un-perverted justice whether they be poor or rich, great or small. We pray that those who use violence and terror to bring about their desires and those who then so readily seek revenge following acts of terrorism may instead pursue all that makes for peace.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we thank you for our families and friends. We thank you for modern technology which enables us to hear and see them so easily and to keep in touch even though separated by great distances. We especially pray at this time for those friends and family members in the UK as they enjoy a half-term break from schools and colleges.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has loosened our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift before you for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God of all consolation, your Son Jesus was moved to tears at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Look with compassion on those bereaved and grieving at the loss of a loved one; give to their troubled hearts the light of hope and strengthen in all of us the gift of faith, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, at the start of this new week, recognising your trust in us to live and preach the Gospel, make us always more ready to please you rather than to seek the praise of the secular world

**Merciful Father: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Intercessions for All Saints Day – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023**

Let us pray to God, whose saints have witnessed to his glory.

Everlasting God, we pray that your Church, built on the foundation of the saints, will be faithful to the teaching of Christ so that it reflects his likeness. Lord and Father, as you kindled the flame of your love in the hearts of the saints, give to us the same faith and power of love; that, we may benefit from their unselfish examples.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer**

Creator God, we pray for those who represent us in government both here in Spain and throughout the world. May they be men and women of integrity, guided by a desire for public service and a love of the truth. We ask that they also be just and compassionate, so that all peoples may be led in the ways of righteousness and mercy.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. May we not so much seek to be consoled as to console, not so much to be understood as to understand, not so much to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, in the Garden of Gethsemane you shared with everyone who has ever been afraid. You conquered fear with love and returned from death itself saying 'Do not be afraid'. In the light of your love death has lost its sting, and so has fear. Lord, may your love be the key that releases us from suffering and fear.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, give us the grace to follow in the footsteps of the saints, as they followed in the footsteps of your holy Son. Keep alive in us the memory of those dear to ourselves whom you have called to yourself, and grant that every remembrance which turns our hearts from things seen to things unseen may lead us always upwards to you until we come to our eternal rest.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we thank you for the example of all the saints and as we go from our worship into the world help us to follow in their footsteps with courage and hope determined, like them, to do your work and live the Gospel of your Son.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Intercessions for the Fourth Sunday before Advent Year A – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Everlasting God, our creator and redeemer you love us and know us better than we know ourselves. With a word, you created all things and so we pray that you will hear the words of your children as we pray; giving thanks to you for your church, the world and its peoples.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, as we pray for your church throughout the world we remember those Christians in countries where their beliefs make them vulnerable and in danger. Uphold and strengthen all who are persecuted and tortured for their faith. We pray and for ourselves, that we might be faithful when we are ridiculed or insulted for practising our religion.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, Jesus foresaw that nations would rise up against nations and that there would be famines and earthquakes. We pray for all those suffering the ravages of war, terrorism, natural and man-made disasters. Help us in our individual way to never contribute to discord or disharmony and always do everything in our power to be good stewards of our fragile earth.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we pray for victims of violence, abuse and neglect, especially where it occurs within the family circle. Be with them in their confusion and pain and heal their physical and mental wounds that they may be restored to health with the strength to face the future.

We pray too for all who have responsibility for implementing “Safeguarding Policy and Protocol” in our churches.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we raise before you those from our chaplaincy who are ill, hospitalised or recuperating and for those we know within our families and circle of friends.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, give us ears to hear and minds to understand the message of immortality for the children of your kingdom so that we may look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. And we especially pray for any we know who recently died and are on that journey to you.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God as we go out into the world shining with your light and your truth help us to reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can witness that we are followers of Christ and through that witness draw others into your loving care.

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

**Intercessions for 3rd Sunday before Advent Year A – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017–  
Remembrance Sunday**

Loving God, we recognise our responsibility to encourage and uphold one another and to live together in peace and love. We also recognise our needs and our human weaknesses and come to you now with our prayers and petitions.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, we pray for our church leaders, that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit and that the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture. That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, and discrimination

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for your world, of which your Son is King. We pray for peace, reconciliation and healing in the places of war, hatred and terrorism, especial in Ukraine and Gaza We pray that the nations of this world may be united and subject to the rule of Christ the King, through whom and for whom all things were created. We pray for earthy Monarchs especially Phillippe, King of Spain and our gracious sovereign King Charles. May their rules be guided and influenced by the example set by your son Jesus Christ.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Mighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women in who serve in the Navy, the Army, or the Air Force, at home and abroad. Defend all who face danger and put their lives at risk so that others might live in safety and give



them courage to face the perils of active service. Comfort all worried families, whose loved ones are in danger: surround them with your love, protect them from all harm and help them to know that nothing can separate them from your love.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for medics and chaplains, and all who support the suffering: give them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience to minister to the sick and wounded and to all prisoners and captives. We especially pray for all who returned from the field of combat with injuries both physical and mental which have ruined their young lives and for the charities and organisations which support them in their convalescence.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we pray for those fallen in battle who gave their lives in the cause of freedom and in defence of peace and justice. We remember too all civilians and non-combatants who died in the fighting: surround all who are bereaved with compassion, and give them a patient faith in their suffering.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God, wash away the wounds of war, violence, and hatred, help us to recognise how blessed Jesus named the peacemakers and to know that if we really wish for a peaceful world we should honestly pray – “Let it begin with me.”

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

**These Prayers are taken from Churches Together Remembrance Sunday 2005**

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace: for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace: **God give peace**

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

May God give peace: **God give peace**

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

May God give peace: **God give peace**

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace: **God give peace**

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace: **God give peace**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace: **God give peace**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Intercessions for 2nd Sunday before Advent Year A – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Loving God, we offer our prayers now for all people and their situations; for lives that are going through upheaval or distress; for circumstances which only you can change.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church throughout the world, remembering those Christians in countries where their beliefs make them vulnerable and in danger. Uphold and strengthen all who are persecuted for their faith. We pray for hostages and their families and loved ones from whom they are separated.

We give thanks for this church and the Chaplaincy of the Costa Blanca. May we point the way to God's Kingdom in our community and welcome all who are seeking through our doors.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for peace in the world, for understanding between nations, religions and factions and for an end to old scores which remain unsettled. We

especially pray for the peoples of the Middle East as the conflict continues and for Christian, Muslim and Jew, that they may live alongside one another in mutual respect and harmony. We pray too for fair shares and fair trade and that the talents of the workers of the world are fairly rewarded.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.**

Father God, we thank you for the gifts, talents and abilities you have given each of us praying that a deeper understanding of those talents can be used and shared within our church, Chaplaincy and the community. Set us free from the fear that makes us inward looking. Give us a renewed generosity with our time, our talents and our treasure. Give us a renewed concern for those who are struggling in our congregations and our communities. Give us a renewed vision of what it is for us to be your church, in this place, at this time.

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.**

Forgiving God, send your healing forgiveness to all who are suffering feelings of guilt, shame or regret. Help to mend broken relationships. Be with all who feel that, through advancing years or failing health, they cannot enjoy life as it used to be. May those who are learning to live a new pattern of life feel that you are walking beside them. We especially pray for the sick and suffering in our Churches and give you thanks for those who are on the road to recovery.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

**Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we remember those who have died and for those who are bereaved. May the light of Christ which eternally shines bring hope to their dark places. We especially pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Gracious God, forgive us when we only turn to you when things trouble us and when we forget to thank you for your blessings and bounty. Help us to recognise all the wonderful things in your world for which we should be grateful and send us out into the coming week ready to show our gratitude in all that we do and say.

**Merciful Father: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

## **Intercessions for Christ the King Year A – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

We pray to our Everlasting God, through our Saviour Jesus who is both Christ the King and the Son of Man and who understands our needs and the needs of this world.

Holy God, we raise before you your church here in the Costa Blanca, of which your Son is King. We pray that you will draw us together and unite us in the love of Christ that we may proclaim with one voice your justice and righteousness in a broken world.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for your world, of which your Son is King. We pray for peace, reconciliation and healing in the places of war, hatred and terrorism. We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine, Russia and Gaza and Israel,

every child and every adult.

We pray that the nations of this world may be united and subject to the rule of Christ the King, through whom and for whom all things were created. We pray for earthly Monarchs especially Phillippe VI, King of Spain and Charles our King, may their rules be guided and influenced by the example set by your son who lives and reigns as King of Kings.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for our communities here in the Costa Blanca of which your Son is King. We pray for the communities of our friends and families both here and in the UK, our church and our places of work and study. Help us to know the people around us to be our brothers and sisters in Christ and to serve them as He would serve them.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for all those who suffer, among whom your Son is King. We pray that they will know the presence of your Son alongside them and the power of Christ the King within them bringing peace and healing for them and help and encouragement for those caring for them at this time of need

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we raise before you all who have died and who are now with your Son the king. We pray for those who have recently died and for their resurrection into the kingdom of God, and for those whose anniversary falls at this time.

*(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we give thanks to you for all that you do in our lives. As the church year comes to an end we commend to you all those for whom we have prayed throughout the year and ask that you continue to use us and our prayers to make a difference in their lives.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**