

# Prayer Archive

## Year B

### Intercessions for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B

Everlasting God, as we come before you at the start of the Season of Advent we ask you to prepare us for the coming, of your son Jesus Christ and to hear us when we pray in faith for the needs of the Church and the world and to thank you for your goodness.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Mighty God, we pray for your church today, gathering worldwide in churches, chapels and cathedrals, to praise you and to hear your holy word. Give us a sense of expectation as we come and inspiration as we go.

We pray for your blessing on all those who lead, preach and teach and we pray especially for our own clergy here in the Costa Blanca as they seek to do your will and guide us through our spiritual and worldly journey through Advent, until the day when we celebrate together the birth of your Son on Christmas Day.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God, drive away despair from our politics, revive our dreams of justice and truth, and restore our passion for what is good and right. Establish your just and gentle rule throughout the world especially where there is conflict; where peace seems so far away and so many have lost everything, even the faint hope of a peaceful future. Govern the hearts and minds of all world leaders and those in authority that they may act justly, honestly and according to your will.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God we pray for those amongst our families, friends and neighbours who will only see in Advent a hectic and worrying run up to the excesses of a secular Christmas. Help us as we try to set an example of a true spirit of preparation for that incredibly precious gift of the Christ-child. May they see in our Services our Carols and Christingles the true meaning of Christmas and experience your love for them through the giving of your Son, Jesus Christ

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God we pray for those for whom this day will be long and painful, for those in hospital or ill at home, those struggling with despair or depression and for all who care for them. Comfort and heal all who suffer, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Loving God we pray for those who have recently died and for those for whom this day will be their last. Be near to all who mourn and comfort them with the knowledge that in the coming of your son Jesus the gates of heaven will be opened wide for all who accept him as Lord and Saviour.

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

*(Short Silence)*

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

Advent Lord, as we leave this place today draw near to us, strengthen our faith, deepen our love for you and for our neighbours and open our eyes to the wonder of your creation, so that when our Saviour comes he may find our hearts ready to receive him.

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

### **Intercessions for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B**

Everlasting God, as we journey through this season of Advent, seeking to make our paths straight for His coming, we now offer our prayers and petitions through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Mighty God, your servant John the Baptist called people to change the way they lived and to prepare themselves for the coming of your son. Raise up we pray, prophetic voices in our own time. Enable us to discern the truth which draws us closer to you. Give us the courage to reject the voice of the evil one tempting us to fulfil our selfish desires. We pray for all those who teach, preach and minister to the congregations here in the Costa Blanca Chaplaincy. May they be as fearless in proclaiming the truth

as your servant John and may we be ready to adapt and change in response to their leadership.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God, we pray for our world and the problems faced by so many of your children. We pray for all who live under the threat of war and terrorism and the poverty which comes in its wake. We pray for those who have little to eat, meagre dwellings and few material possessions when we who live in the richer world have so much. Help us to care and to share and to give generously whenever we can in the same way that you gave us your son Jesus Christ at the first Christmas.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God, your son Jesus lived an ordinary family life in Nazareth and so you understand the difficulties faced in family life. We pray for all of those involved in providing support for troubled families and strengthening our community life. As we draw closer to Christmas we pray for those families who will feel their problems increased by the need to provide what they cannot truly afford.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God, may your blessing be upon all those who are sick, in pain, anxious or troubled. We ask you to be close to those passing through dark places, to those undergoing treatments at home or in hospital and to give thanks for all working in the Health Services who are treating them. We especially pray for those within our Chaplaincy.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Loving God, give rest to those who have gone from our lives to be with you. May they now live the life eternal and rest in everlasting peace in your presence. Strengthen the bereaved with the knowledge of your loving presence in this 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 ask you to help us make time for true preparations this Advent. In the midst of the rush of life, help us to find inner quietness and an awareness of your presence. Let this Christmas be a time when we concern ourselves not so much with material things but focus more on the spiritual gifts you give so unselfishly

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

### **Intercessions for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B**

Mindful of the words of the prophet Isaiah, we gather our thoughts and prayers with hope and humbly call on God to help us in our needs.

Holy God, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Christ our Saviour we ask that you will answer our prayers and make us a holy people, fit to greet him with eager hearts. May our Church leaders be blessed with wisdom and holiness to guide us through this season of Advent, to a holy, peaceful and joyful Christmas. We raise before you our Church here in the Costa Blanca, and ask that with eager longing for the return of Christ, our Advent celebrations may help all who join with us to prepare a place in their hearts and homes for you and your son Jesus Christ our Lord

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God, help the leaders of nations to seek that justice and peace which come from the Word of God, may there be good news for the poor and the broken hearted; release for those illegally or wrongly imprisoned and an end to the conflicts throughout the world which lead to so much grief and mourning. We pray too for all those who strive to rebuild in places which have been ravaged by war or natural disaster

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God, your son Jesus you lived an ordinary life in Nazareth, with human parents, brothers and sisters. He understand the difficulties faced in families. We pray for all of those involved in providing support for troubled families and strengthening our community life. We especially pray for our family members who have not yet heard of the coming of Christ and that this Christmas they may hear and believe the Good News and receive the gift of the Christ Child.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God, may your blessing be upon all those who are in pain or sickness, those who are anxious or troubled. We know that you are always present with us, even

when sometimes you seem far away. Help us to feel your presence when we pass through dark places, and sustain us and all who suffer through our pains and sorrows.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Gracious God, may those who have died may be granted the peace of your heavenly kingdom. Give rest to the souls of those who have gone from our lives to meet with you and may they now, released from pain or sorrow, find life eternal at rest in your presence.

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

*(Short Silence)*

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

Faithful God, as we continue this Advent journey, teach us to turn to you in times of joy and pleasure as well as we do when faced with fear and sorrow. Help us to put our differences behind us and to unite behind the great commission of Jesus to make disciples of all nations and all people.

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

### **Intercessions for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B**

Lord God, we join our prayers to those of Mary, your faithful servant and mother of our lord, to proclaim your greatness, and sing in gratitude for all your wonderful gifts bestowed on us, your lowly servants. Lord, we pray, 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. Be with us as we focus on the coming of your kingdom and the gift of your son this Christmas

*(Short Silence)*

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

Mary prayed that the mighty be cast down from their thrones, we pray that those in power would use that power wisely and compassionately so that the lowly would be lifted up, the hungry fed and greater equality be established between rich and poor.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, *in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer*

Mary's prayer was given to God whilst on a visit to her cousin Elizabeth. At this time of Advent and Christmas, we pray for all who are travelling to visit relatives and friends. We give thanks for the hospitality shown by our friends and families and for our opportunity to share with them and ask that we are always aware of your presence with us in all of our parties and festivities.

*(Short Silence)*

*Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer*

Mary recognised your promise of mercy; Lord we ask you to show your mercy on all who are sick, fearful or in mourning and especially we pray for those members of our church, families and friends who we now name before you.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

*Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer*

Heavenly Father, you sent to earth the gift of your son Jesus Christ that in your power and love we might also have the gift of eternal life; bless those whom we love that have departed this life with the gifts of your all-encompassing love and life eternal.

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

*(Short Silence)*

*Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer*

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her 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 B**

At Christmas, the song of the angels rings throughout the world.

As we rejoice in their song may we always acknowledge that Christ brings peace for us all.

Grant Lord, that our Church here in the Costa Blanca will be illuminated by His light and shine forth in the world. May the devotion of the shepherds, the adoration of the angels, and the love of the Holy Family inspire us in our worship this day and through the coming year:

*(Short Silence)*

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

Son of God, you entered creation that all might be made new. Look in mercy on our broken world and speak to all people that they may hear the message of peace.

We especially pray for pray for peace for the people of Bethlehem and the Holy City of Jerusalem.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Lord God as the shepherds of Bethlehem bowed in reverence before the Holy Family we pray that you would bring to all families the joys experienced by Mary and Joseph and bless every home in our chaplaincy and the homes of our families throughout the world.

*(Short Silence)*

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

The wise men, representing power and authority, brought their gifts for the newborn King.

May we bring our gifts to the Christ Child at this time.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Lord God, the gift of your son brought light into our darkness and healing through his touch.

Hear our prayers for those who suffer, for all people without a home at this time, families struggling with debt and uncertainty and all who are ill. We pray particularly for those close to our hearts who we now name.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful Father, grant to those who have departed this life eternal rest, and to those who mourn at this time, bring your consolation; we especially pray for those for whom this is the first Christmas separated from a loved one.

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

*(Short Silence)*

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

Emmanuel, God with us, you understood what it is to be human. Hear our prayers and use them, and us, to bring peace, joy, love and hope into the lives of those for whom we have prayed.

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

### **Intercessions for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas Year B**

The waiting of Advent is over and you Lord are with us – Emmanuel – Son of Mary, Son of David – Messiah – Jesus Christ. And so we raise our prayers to you our Lord and Saviour.

Jesus Christ, Wonderful counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church here in the Costa Blanca to reveal the mystery of your love and fill all the Church with the Spirit of truth ...

*(Short Silence)*

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

Jesus Christ, Mighty God, who led the wise men and before whom they knelt, give humility and wisdom to all who govern and lead them in the way of justice and mercy:

Jesus Christ, worshipped by the shepherds, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed by war or terrorism:

*(Short Silence)*

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

Jesus Christ, Everlasting Father, born in a stable to a human family give courage to all families and especially to all families who are homeless: Be with those who fear for their lives, and those who have left homes and families this Christmas.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Jesus Christ, Prince of peace, for whom the angels sang, give the song of the kingdom to all who weep; to the sick and the lonely; the aged and the dying. Give the song of joy to all who are now on the road to recovery and recuperation and the song of thanks to all who helped them on that road.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*



*(Short Silence)*

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

Jesus Christ, Lord of Lords, whose radiance filled a lowly manger, give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you and the reassurance of your presence with all who mourn their passing.

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

(Short Silence)

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

Jesus Christ whose star guided the visitors to your birth, guide us as we continue through the season of Christmas and be present with us as we continue to celebrate your holy birth.

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

### **Intercessions for The Feast of the Epiphany**

The Magi came from the east to worship your Son: Father, grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of adoration and that through their worship they may reflect the glorious light of Christ

Heavenly Father, you sent your son to guide your people, just as you sent a star to guide the Wise Men to worship him. We pray that you will send, your Holy Spirit to guide our Church as we begin a New Year in the Chaplaincy. We know that this coming year will bring significant changes and we pray that you will always be present as we take one more step along the journey of faith.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Lord God, as we face the start of 2018 we pray for your world. Let the star of your justice always shine in the hearts of those who are in authority. Enable all nations to recognize the sanctity of each and every human life in their care so that all may experience an abundance of peace and security.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God, Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: we give thanks for his presence with us in our homes and in our lives. Guide us in our relationships with family and neighbours, especially those in trouble or need and bless those who have guided and enriched our own lives.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Loving God, we pray for all those who have lost their way or have been led astray and for all who are living below their potential or their abilities. We raise before you all whose lives are unfulfilled and all those whose lives are restricted by illness; we remember the chronically ill, those in constant pain, the depressed and the despairing. We especially pray for those in our Chaplaincy who we now name

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who are coming to the end of their journey here on earth and pray that they may come into your presence and kingdom. We pray for all those who have come before your face and now rejoice in the fullness of life eternal.

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

Eternal God, as we go out into this New Year we ask for your loving presence with us to share in its joys and to strengthen us in its sorrows.

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

### **Intercessions for the Baptism of the Lord (Baptism of Christ)**

Everlasting God, 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 and 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 of your presence day by day.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God, we remember all countries where there is war or conflict and pray that you will look mercifully upon the sufferings of the people involved.

We pray for our Queen and Government, for the King and Government of Spain and the leaders in the rest of the world. Sharpen their consciences and give them the 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.**

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.

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.**

Loving 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.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Mighty God, Lord of unending being, we pray for those whose earthly lives have ended. We remember those whose anniversary of their passing falls at this time and for the souls of all who have 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 let 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.**

Faithful God, 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 the Second Sunday of Epiphany**

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.

*(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. 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 Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God, today finds us in the midst of the Week of Prayer for Christian unity; help us to listen to your voice still calling us to unity in our diversity. We pray for church leaders everywhere that they may work together and promote unity among Christians

Lord, you made us to be one body and of one spirit and so we pray that we might establish friendly relationships among Jews, Christians and Muslims, and tear down the walls of indifference and hatred making our unity visible and bringing healing to the world

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God, we pray for all who work for justice and solidarity, and for all world leaders that they will continue to seek for an end to the suffering caused by war and violence, injustice and inequality, disease and prejudice, poverty and hopelessness and bring healing to the world. We pray especially for the Holy Land and Peace for the Holy city of Jerusalem.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Generous God, as we remember the presence of your son Jesus Christ at the Wedding at Cana we pray for all we know who are preparing for marriage and those who are beginning their married life together. May they experience the love of God, the support of family and friends. We also pray for any we know amongst our families and friends who are experiencing marital problems that they may find a way forward through their present difficulties.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God, we raise before you 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. We especially pray for those from our Chaplaincy....

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God, we pray for those who have departed this life and ask you, through your loving kindness, to have mercy on their souls. 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, as we prepare for the weeks ahead help us to remember that we are sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us overcome our conflicts, our divisions and our self-seeking, and to be united to one another by the power the Holy Spirit.

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

### **Intercessions for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

Everlasting God, thank you for welcoming us in love, hear us as we pray for the good of the church, the world and for all in need.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Faithful God, we thank you for our church leaders; locally in our Chaplaincy and for our relationship with The Roman Catholic Church in whose churches so many of us come to worship you.

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.**

God of every land and nation, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus Christ. 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. May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that we may vanquish injustice and wrong:

*(Short Silence)*

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

Holy God, although we are sometimes separated by language and culture from the people we live amongst, we long to see your will done here on earth as it is in heaven.

We pray for our neighbours, not only with words but day by day, moment by moment, in the things we do and the way we do them.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Abundant God, be with those of us that desire and need your restoration and healing. As we remember the way your son Jesus Christ cast out demons we remember today all those who live in the depths of depression and mental illness. Today, we ask for your blessing and healing touch upon them

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love. May those who have gone before us rest in your eternal peace. We remember before you 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

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

*(Short Silence)*

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

Lord God we pray for ourselves; as we go from your house today to start the week ahead, we ask that in all we do, we may we walk more closely with you at our side safe in the knowledge that your fatherly love and care knows no bounds.

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

### **Intercessions for the Second Sunday before Lent**

Everliving 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.**

Mighty God, we pray for the worldwide Christian Church in all its wonderful diversity. We pray especially for those churches who meet together in difficult and dangerous circumstances. May they feel your abiding presence to uphold their

courage and strengthen their faith. As we pray for our Chaplaincy here in the Costa Blanca we bring before you all those who lead and inspire our worship, those who visit and pray for the sick and bereaved and those who carry out the maintenance and administration of such a widespread group of churches.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator 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 the many acts of terrorism that have already occurred this year; and yet we know that in the midst of such events your love is shown in the acts of bravery, selflessness and compassion which follow. 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.**

Father God, Lord of life and love, this week sees the start of “Marriage Week International” we pray for all who are preparing for marriage; for those who are already married and for those who find their marriages difficult. Be with them all; in their joy and sadness, their hope and their expectations, and above all, help them to understand that you hold them in love each moment of their lives. Be near to those going through separation and divorce. Cleanse their hearts of all bitterness and resentment. Guide them as they plan their future lives. We thank you for The Mother’s Union which is helping to promote this week and for all the work that they do in supporting family life within the Church.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Loving God we pray for those in need in our own community, the sick and the dying, the elderly, the housebound and those in care homes, hospitals and hospices and for the work and devotion of those who care for them. We thank you for Carers whose love and compassion bring both material and spiritual comfort at times of need. We raise before you now those from our Chaplaincy for whom prayer has been requested

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God be close to those who feel the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one whether recent or as each anniversary passes. Help us to support all those who mourn



with our prayers, with words of comfort and with practical help as they struggle to come to terms with their loss. We especially pray for....

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

*(Short Silence)*

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

Send us out into the coming week to live the Good News. Give us the will each day to live in life eternal. Let our citizenship be in heaven with the whole company of the redeemed and with countless angels, praising, worshipping and adoring him who sits upon the throne forever and ever.

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

### **Intercessions for the Sunday Next before Lent**

Almighty God, at the Transfiguration you showed Jesus in a new state of glory and gave His disciples a glimpse of what they would see in his risen life. As we worship together week by week help us to get a glimpse of your heavenly kingdom as well as a deeper understanding of how your son, Jesus, can transfigure our broken and unfulfilled lives.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Holy God, we thank you this year's Synod in Torrevieja; for times of laughter and joy; for a renewal of spiritual awareness; for allowing all to grow in knowledge and understanding of the structure of the Church. *(Short Silence)*

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

Faithful God, give your wisdom and heavenly grace to all bishops, and priests and deacons, especially Bishop Robert, Bishop David and Archdeacon Geoff, and to all others who hold office in your church, that, by their service, faith may abound and your kingdom increase.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God, as we pray for your world we ask that you take from us all hatred and prejudice. Give us the spirit of love, for all people whatever their race or creed and give the same spirit of acceptance to all world leaders that through mutual understanding and common endeavour peace and prosperity may be increased throughout the world.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Loving God, with the grace of your holy spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for their faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Give consolation to those in sorrow or mourning and as you take them into your tender care help may they be strengthened by the power of your love.

*(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, by the example of their lives, encouraged us in our faith. As we pray for them, may they, in turn, continue to pray for us so that we may stay true to our faith and give the example of ourselves to others.

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

*(Short Silence)*

Gracious God, as we leave this house of worship, help us to take with us all that we have heard during our time together, may those words be grafted onto our hearts and produce in us the fruits of a good life, to the praise and honour of your Holy Name.

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

### **Intercessions for the First Sunday of Lent**

Everlasting God, your son Jesus Christ was tried and tempted by the devil. May we never be ashamed of temptation but saved from the weakness of giving in. Help us choose the way of faithfulness rather than popularity, service rather than fame and sacrifice rather than power.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for the whole family of your church here in the Costa Blanca. May all your people be built up in faith and demonstrate in their lives the gospel of Jesus Christ. Help us to play our part in the life of the church throughout the world; through our prayers and by our gifts of money and service during this season of Lent and beyond. Give courage to those who find it hard to follow you. Give us a fresh vision that leads to action and strengthen us to serve you in the places where we live.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for those in positions of authority and leadership; that they do not misuse their powers but respect and care for all their peoples and for the natural resources of their countries.

During our Lenten fasting may we be constantly aware of those in our world who are always hungry and thirsty and of all those who have so little when we have so much.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we ask you to protect our loved ones, our friends and our neighbours. We pray that this Lenten season may bring grace to our friends and relatives who no longer practice their faith, and that they may return in the certain knowledge of your loving acceptance of them.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for those who are ill and in pain, longing to live full lives, for those who are sad and hurt longing for comfort, for those in hospital awaiting treatment, for those convalescing, seeing an end to their suffering and for those whose only relief will come through death. May we always offer gentle support to those in trouble sensitive encouragement to those in need, and strength and support to those in weakness. We especially pray for .....

(add names of those requesting prayer)

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we pray for those saddened by the death of someone close to them. Give them your comfort as they mourn for their loved ones and turn their darkness into light. We commend to your everlasting love and care those who have died praying that will rest eternal in the light of Christ. We remember especially...

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

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, help us to see this time of Lent as an opportunity to develop our discipleship and discipline and as your Son Jesus showed us how to reject temptation,

fill us with grace to be faithful to his example in this Lenten season and the years ahead.

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

### **Intercessions for the Second Sunday of Lent**

Loving God as you revealed yourself to Abraham in ancient days, reveal yourself to in this present age. Make us into a faithful people ready to believe your promises and follow you wherever you will lead us.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, during this period of Lent, give us a new awareness of your presence in our Church here in the Costa Blanca and teach us the humility to accept that all our gifts come from you to be used in the service of your people and in the spreading of the Gospel. Live in us through all of our small acts of sacrifice and help us be cheerful in our fasting and giving as our Lord Jesus Christ commanded.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God your son walked upon earth 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 give you thanks for our Local and Church community here in Spain: for our neighbours, for our friends and for the people around us with whom we work and share our daily lives. We pray for those who are old and lonely, those isolated because of ill-health, and those who find it difficult to be accepted. Show us all that we can do to help those around us and teach us to be good neighbours and true friends.

(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. We pray that through their suffering they may all experience the light of the Gospel. We pray too for all who administer to the sick and infirm; for those working in our local health centres and hospitals; for those working in care homes and those who daily give help at home; for all of our local charities and Help organisations.

(add names of those requesting prayer)

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Almighty God be near to all those who are grieving today over the loss of a loved one. We raise before you those who have died in the faith of Christ and for those whose belief is known only to you. Lord, we thank you for those who have travelled before us on the way of the cross and are now at peace in your eternal presence.

(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 today help us to remember that your son was tempted by the Devil but chose faithfulness before popularity, service before fame and sacrifice before power. Give us the strength to reject temptation through our Lenten journey and beyond it throughout the rest of our lives.

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

### **Intercessions for the Third Sunday of Lent**

Everlasting God, be with us in this time of prayer, and help us to feel your presence. Mindful of the Commandments that you gave to Moses we pray that you would be worshiped above all else in our land and that we can at all times be given the strength to reject the idolatry of our secular world.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Faithful God we pray for the church throughout the world and especially for our Chaplaincy here in the Costa Blanca. We pray for Father Ray as he approaches his retirement and for his replacement Fr Don Witts who will be coming to live and work among us after Easter. We give thanks too for all of the other Clergy who live amongst us or regularly visit and bring a refreshing diversity to our worship and for Stephen Carden, our reader for his work both in covering absences and co-ordinating funerals.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Creator God, we pray for the governments of the world and all world leaders, that they may always seek for peaceful solutions in their dealings with other nations and

rule their own countries with compassion and justice. We continue to pray for the people of the USA once again trying to come to terms with another shooting atrocity at Parklands School in Florida, praying that their government will try to find some meaningful legislation to prevent more incidents like this occurring in the future..

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our families, friends and neighbours and for the people with whom we work or share our daily lives. We pray for those who are lonely, those isolated because of age or ill-health, and those who find it difficult to make friends or be accepted.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, we pray for all who are in pain or are suffering at this time. We remember especially those who are facing long or incurable illnesses. In a moment of quietness we pray for them, and any we know who are in any kind of need at this time.

(add names of those requesting prayer)

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, we pray for those we love but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, May they rest in peace and rise in glory. We remember before God those who have recently died especially.....

(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 from our worship into the Marketplace which is our world we thank you for the help you give us to resist the temptations that will assail in the weeks ahead.

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

#### **Intercessions for Mothering Sunday (Lent 4 below)**

Everlasting God, as your son Jesus Christ showed his love on the cross, in his compassion for his mother and his sacrifice for us all, may we know what it is to love and be loved, in words and in actions.

Heavenly Father we pray today for our Mother Church and our Chaplaincy here in the Costa Blanca. We give you thanks for our Church family and pray that all may find in her their true home; that the lonely, the marginalized, the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus.

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, as we see the brokenness of our world 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. We especially pray for all mothers who have to raise their children in places where there is war, famine, terrorism and great uncertainty. For mothers who have had to flee conflict to a different country or are far from their homes and their relatives.

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, you have given us the right to be called children of God. Help us to show your love in our homes that they may be places of love, security and truth. Your Son, was born into the family of Mary and Joseph; bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those families living under stress and may your love be known where no human love is found.

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we remember that as we celebrate Mothering Sunday today there are those who do not share our happiness, those who are sick, those who are sad, those who lonely, those who separated from their families and those who live in families where there is little joy. We raise before you now those who need healing in their lives and give you thanks where healing has taken place.

(add names of those requesting prayer)

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God you commanded us to honour our parents. Have mercy on the souls of our mothers and fathers who have departed this life and hear us as we now remember too, the recently departed.

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

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, as we go out into the coming week may we reflect your love for us love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can see that we are followers of your son Jesus 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 the Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Holy God, forgive us when we have sinned by speaking against you, your son Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit and also for the times that, through fear or complacency, we do not speak for you or admit to our Christian faith. Help us always to carry our cross openly and to take every opportunity to live and preach the Good News

*(Short Silence)*

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

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

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God, help us to reject following the ways of this world and the passions of the flesh when they would pull us away from following you along the paths of righteousness. We also pray for those in positions of authority and leadership; that they too reject misusing their powers but always respect and care for all their peoples and for the natural resources of their countries.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God, on this Mothering Sunday we remember that from the cross your only Son, Jesus entrusted Mary his mother and John his disciple to each other's care. Help us also to care for one another and fill our homes with the spirit of your love.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Loving God, the psalmist tells us how you sent forth your word and healed the Children of Israel and saved them from destruction. We remember to give thanks to



you for the goodness and the wonders you continue to do for us, your children and we continue to raise before those we know who still need a healing word.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God, we pray for those who have departed this life and recognise that they have been saved through their faith and the gift of your son Jesus Christ, rather than by the good works that they did and the things that they achieved in their time on earth.

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

*(Short Silence)*

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

Faithful God, you are rich in mercy, and love us even when we sin and fail you. Thank you that by grace we have been saved and given the promise of being raised up with your son Jesus Christ and seated with him in the heavenly places when we come to the end of our lives.

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

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

**Intercessions for Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Everlasting God, your son chose twelve disciples to work together to spread the good news of the gospel, help us as we work together in our Chaplaincy for the common good. May we delight in sharing in each other's spiritual gifts and enabling everyone to make their own contribution however small. May we always be ready to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will.

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for peace in our world; may all lands that suffer violence and injustice find peace and reconciliation. We pray for the peoples of the world and all who offer their services in the leadership of the affairs of the world that they may uphold what is right and good. We pray particularly at this time for peace in all places where there is violence, war and terrorism.

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we thank you for all those who help our community to run smoothly because of their jobs, voluntary work or neighbourliness. Help us to be supportive and encouraging and to step in to situations where we can serve. Bless our neighbours and strengthen those who are working in your name in order to bring healing and comfort to those in need.

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God your Son Jesus Christ healed the lame with a touch and raised the dead with a word – hear our prayers today for those who are laid low by sorrow and illness, or by fear and weakness; breathe new life into them as we name them before you now.

(add names of those requesting prayer)

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we thank you that our movement towards death and decay is not the final sentence in our life story. We thank you that by your faithfulness we are born to a new and living hope in a future where love will never be terminated and life will never end. May we always trust in you as we pray for those who have departed this earthly life.

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Loving God as we go forth from this time of worship, help us to remember that you do infinitely more for us than we can ask or imagine. Hear our prayers for all your creation and gather us in the embrace of your abundant and life-giving Spirit.

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

**Intercessions for Palm Sunday – March 25<sup>th</sup> – 2018**

(Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Below)

*(Intercessions are taken from – Passiontide and Holy Week – Common Worship Seasonal Material)*

Let us pray to the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to give us life. Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry the cross for your Son. Give us grace to lift heavy loads from those we meet and to stand with those condemned to die.

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share his clothes. Transform the hearts of those who make a profit from their victims, and those whose hearts are hardened by their work.

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

The thief, who was crucified with Jesus, was promised a place in your kingdom. Give pardon and hope, healing and peace to all who look death in the face.

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary his mother and John his disciple to each other's care. Help us also to care for one another and fill our homes with the spirit of your love.

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

In Mary and John your Son created a new family at the cross. Fill our relationships, and those of new families today, with mutual care and responsibility, and give us a secure hope for the future.

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

The centurion was astonished to see your glory in the crucified Messiah. Open the eyes of those who do not know you to see in your Son the meaning of life and death.

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Joseph of Arimathaea came to take your Son's body away. Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved, and gentleness to those who minister to them.

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

**(Short Silence)**

**Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Simon and Joseph, Mary and John became part of your Church in Jerusalem. Bring into your Church today a varied company of people, to walk with Christ in the way of his passion and to find their salvation in the victory of his cross.

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

### **Intercessions for Maundy Thursday**

At the Passover Feast Jesus was acutely aware that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father.

We pray for all who are approaching death and ask you to welcome them into paradise reunited with all who have left this world before them.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Judas Iscariot, taken over by the devil, took the opportunity to betray Jesus for money. We pray for all who turn to crime and violence rather than taking up honest and worthwhile work and we remember before God those who have been imprisoned for their crime praying that they will turn away from a sinful life upon release.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

During supper Jesus took water and a towel and acting as a servant washed his disciple's feet. We pray for all who serve, especially those who have to do menial and unsavoury tasks. Help us never to take those who serve us in the world for granted.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

During the meal Jesus inaugurated the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We pray that every time we celebrate the Eucharist we remember his passion and the sacred mysteries of his body and blood. Help us never through familiarity to allow the words and actions of our Communion make us apathetic to the true cost of his love and always to surprise us afresh each time we meet him at the Holy Table.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

At the end of the meal Jesus gave to us the new commandment to love one another as he loved us. We give thanks for the love that we share with our families and friends and all of our neighbour's in Christ and that through such love we can be clearly seen as friends disciples of Jesus.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

After the supper was ended Jesus sang hymns and prayed with his disciples. We give you thanks for all who lead our worship; or our bishops, priests, deacons and readers; for choirs and organists and music groups; for all who write and lead intercessions and for those who do all of the other things that make our worship meaningful and God centred.

*(Short Silence)*

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

As we leave this service on the eve of Jesus' Crucifixion mindful of the death that he was about to undergo help us to be aware that it was for us that he hung and suffered there. May we prove our love for him by giving ourselves to him and serving him every day of our lives.

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

### **Intercessions for Good Friday**

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world: for unity in faith, in witness and in service, for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve, for Robert and David, our bishops, and the people of The Diocese of Europe, for all Christians in the Costa Blanca, for those to be baptized, for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith, that God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Short Silence*

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

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders: for Elizabeth our Queen and the Parliaments of the UK, King Felipe the King of Spain and his Government, for those who administer the law and all who serve in public office, for all who strive for justice and reconciliation, that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom.

*Short Silence*

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

Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews, the first to hear his word: for greater understanding between Christian and Jew, for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart, that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant and to grow in the love of his name

*Short Silence*

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

Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ: for those who have not heard the message of salvation, for all who have lost faith, for the contemptuous and scornful, for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who follow him, for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified, that God will open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience

*Short Silence*

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

Let us pray for all those who suffer: for those who are deprived and oppressed, for all who are sick, for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear, for prisoners, captives and refugees, for the victims of false accusations and violence, for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them, that God in his mercy will sustain them with the knowledge of his love.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*Short Silence*

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

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, we may come to the fullness of eternal life and the joy of the resurrection.

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

### **Intercessions for Easter Sunday**

Christ is Risen, and the power of His resurrection fills the world today with new life, hope and expectation and so we bring him all our needs.

Faithful God, we think of your church today celebrating the Resurrection all over the world. Language race and nationalities may be different but our worship and our joy on the Day Of Resurrection make us one in the Gospel We pray that The Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen us in mission and service praying that day by day we may grow in love for you and for our brothers and sisters in Christ. .

We pray for your Church here in the Costa Blanca and especially for Father Ray on his last day as a Chaplain on April 8th and for his replacement Fr Don Witts who takes over in the in the south of the Chaplaincy on April 9th. We also pray for Stephen Carden as he ends his time as Chaplaincy Warden and for Judi Ramsay the new Warden.

**(Short Silence)**

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

(or) Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Creator God, we pray for the leaders of the nations of the world that they may give priority to those with greatest need in the distribution of the world's basic resources. We especially pray on this special day, for peace in the world and for countries where there is war and conflict

We remember today those involved in the fight against terrorism around the world and for all service personnel in active duty around the world.

**(Short Silence)**

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

(or) Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Father God at this joyful Eastertide we pray for our families and friends especially for those joining us here on the Costa Blanca during the Easter Holidays. We thank you too for the joy of sending and receiving Easter cards and messages of love. Thank you too for modern communication systems which bring our loved ones so close even when we are separated by great distances.

**(Short Silence)**

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

(or) Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Creator God we pray for those who are in need and ask you to look with pity on those who suffer. We especially pray for all those within our Chaplaincy who have asked for our prayers.....

We pray for the broken-hearted , for the sick, for the lonely that your very presence would comfort them in their time of need.

(add names of those requesting prayer)

**(Short Silence)**

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

(or) Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Merciful God, we pray that those who have recently died may one day share in the promise of new life won for us all by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ and his triumph over death and the grave.

**(Short Silence)**

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

(or) Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Faithful 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 Easter 2**

Faithful God, we praise you for the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ from the dead. Shed his glorious light on all Christian people that we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

Almighty God we ask you to be a real and living presence in your church throughout the world. May this Chaplaincy through its preaching and works of love continue to testify to our Lord's resurrection. Wherever we are lacking in faith and courage strengthen us with your Spirit. We especially pray for Father Ray at the start of his retirement and Father Don and Doreen as they begin this new phase in their ministry.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God, we pray for peace in our troubled world. Wherever nations are at war 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 all families whose homes are disrupted by anger and bitterness and where relationships are breaking up. We thank you for the gift of your Son, our saviour, who walks with us on our life's journey and, as he gladdened the hearts of his friends when they saw him raised from the dead, may he travel alongside all who are struggling with their family life.

*(Short Silence)*



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

Loving God comfort the sick and suffering with your living presence. Heal and strengthen weak bodies, calm confused minds and reassure the lonely with your company. We raise before you those we know with particular needs we have been asked to pray for.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

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

Merciful God, we remember before you those who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Unite us with them in your undying love. Help us to always remember that death could not hold your Son Jesus Christ and that new life for him means new life for all who believe in Him.

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

(Short Silence)

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

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ, stands among us, and we have seen the marks of your saving love. Breathe on us with the power of your Holy Spirit and send us out to share the peace of Christ with all who may cross our paths in the weeks ahead.

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

**Intercessions for Easter 3**

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Help us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and joy and amazement as real as was theirs when he appeared to them.

Gracious God help us all to play an active part in the vision of the Chaplaincy ever focusing on Christ's call to all of us to be witnesses and to make disciples of all mankind. We pray for Father Ray at the start of his retirement and for Father Don and Doreen as they begin this new phase in their ministry.

(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 been a failure yet, through the victory of Jesus Christ, we know also that you can restore all things in glory; and so we pray for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles.

We pray for the people of Syria, especially for victims of gas attacks, and for those who perpetrated those attacks. Give guidance to all world leaders who are struggling with the politics of retaliation and with the consequences of military action.

**(Short Silence)**

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

Father God, we pray for our Chaplaincy communities, that each of us might make use of our individual talents enabling each church group to flourish as a witness to the “One Body” of the church. Help us to spread the warmth of your love to everyone we meet.

**(Short Silence)**

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

Loving God, we pray for those who do not share our Easter joy especially those living in the shadow of darkness and despair and for those whose illness narrows their view of the world. We especially pray for all those who have requested prayer and in the quietness of our hearts we raise before You those who we know who are also in need.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

**(Short Silence)**

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

Merciful 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**

Faithful 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 followers of Christ and children of the most High God, 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 Easter 4**

Holy God, your Son remained with his disciples for 40 days after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as friends and neighbours.

We too are his disciples and we offer our prayers on behalf of the church, the world in which we live and all those with whom we share it.

Loving God, the letter of John reminds us that “ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?” Help us as a Chaplaincy to try to aspire to love with actions and truth and not merely with words or speech.

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

Loving God we pray for all world leaders that, using Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd as the ultimate model of leadership, they would lead and care for their own flocks in such a way that peace might abound, righteousness flourish and injustice be eradicated.

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

Father God, help us to reach out to strangers in our midst. As we remember the way the early Church lived in one heart and mind and shared everything they had may we too in this Chaplaincy be always mindful of the needs of others less fortunate and always welcome the newcomer joyfully into our midst.

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

Loving God we pray for those who do not know your peace and for those who are struggling with their lives. We ask for your healing on those who are sick, your strength for those who are tired and your love for those who live with despair and fear

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

Gracious God, we pray for those who now walk in the valley of the shadow of death. We know from the Psalm that you are with them and have gone before them to prepare them a table overflowing with all good things. Guide those who are left behind in the paths of righteousness and uphold them in their sorrow with the assurance of your goodness and love.

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

Everlasting God, we ask that you would bless us here at [Chaplaincy church name] with vision for the future and reverence for the past. Guide us each day as we minister to one another and to the world. Help us each day to bear witness to your name and to do your bidding, always mindful of your amazing love for us.

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

Everlasting God, give us the courage of Philip who took the time to share his faith with a curious stranger and remind us of Jesus command to us to “make disciples of all”.

Heavenly Father, we in the Holy Spirit Anglican Chaplaincy are the people that were yet unborn when the Psalmist proclaimed “future generations will be told about the Lord.” May we “proclaim His righteousness”, and may our faith be as strong as the Psalmists.

(Short Silence)

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

Creator God, we pray for Your world and we long for the time when all the families of the nations will bow down before you and the poor will eat and be satisfied. We pray for world leaders who bear the heavy responsibility of providing for their populations, give them wisdom to know what is right and the courage to make right decisions.

(Short Silence)

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

Father God, help us to use our influence 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. May they 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**

Loving God, we bring to you the sufferings of those we hold dear; the struggle of those trying to cope with difficult housing; the pains of the sick both at home, in hospital or care homes; the loneliness of the elderly and the frail. In your great mercy bring them comfort, relief and reassurance that you are always with them in all their troubles.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

(Short Silence)

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

Merciful God, Your son Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have died and pray for all those who are going through the darkness of loss and bereavement.

Father, we thank you for the promise of eternal life and the hope of glory and commend to your everlasting love and care those who have died.

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

(Short Silence)

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

As we go out into the world to face another week help us as we seek to live out our lives according to your son Jesus Christ's example. Free us from the sins of the world that spoil our life so that our lives may be a living testament to your will for your world

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

**Intercessions for Easter 6**

Faithful God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us a new commandment, of love for each other and so we ask you to teach us to love you in our neighbours that by serving them we might also serve you.

(Short Silence)

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

Mighty God, we pray for your church which day by day gathers to praise you and to hear your holy word. We pray for our Christian sisters and brothers worshipping around the world in small rural churches and great city cathedrals. Give us here in our Chaplaincy a sense of expectation as we come and inspiration as we go. Bless our Chaplains and those with Permission to Officiate whose preaching and teaching inspire us with the message of your salvation.

(Short Silence)

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

Creator God, the world so often seems to be a violent and fearful place. Give us the strength to love our enemies and to pray for those who by violence and acts terrorism distort and demonise your wonderful creation.

(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, help us all to be a part of the healing ministry of your church. Encourage us to constantly pray for those we know who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. Deepen our love for our neighbours especially those who are weak, help us to console the sorrowful and give hope to the dying.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

(Short Silence)

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

Merciful 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; give to the departed the perfect joy of your eternal love and to those bereaved by their passing the consolation of Your perfect love.

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

(Short Silence)

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

Holy God, send us out into the world today mindful that as witnesses and servants, we should make you known in every place we visit and bear witness to the Gospel with acts of faith and hope and love.

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

**Intercessions for Easter 7**

Everlasting God Your son Jesus' Ascension into heaven marked the culmination of the Paschal Mystery. May we live life in the same way as his disciples did at that time, knowing no sense of abandonment but patiently awaiting the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

Holy 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 the Norwegian Seamen's Church, giving thanks for being allowed to use their premises for our worship.

(Short Silence)

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

Creator God, help the people of your world make the best use of science and technology in order to achieve a better life on this planet. Protect people of third world countries from being exploited and underpaid for their labour just so that we can enjoy cheap luxury goods at their expense.

(Short Silence)

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

Father God your Son remained with his disciples after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbours. Thank you for our families, friends and fellow Christians and for the people with whom we work or share our daily lives. We pray for those who are lonely, those isolated because of age or ill-health, and those who find it difficult to make friends or be accepted.

(Short Silence)

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

Loving God 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**

Heavenly Father, we raise before you all who have died and who are now with your ascended Son Jesus Christ. We pray for those who have recently died, for their resurrection into Your kingdom and for those whose anniversary falls at this time. We especially pray for Father Peter our former Senior Chaplain who died peacefully in his sleep this week. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

(Short Silence)

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

Everlasting God open our eyes to see You acting in our lives and our hearts to understand not only what you do for us but what you call us to do to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

**Intercessions for Pentecost**

The Spirit of God unites us as a people and enables us to pray and intercede for the needs of others. As we gather together in God's love, we offer our prayers and thanksgiving to the Father for the sake of the Son and through the Holy Spirit.

Mighty God, breath your power into all of the activities of our Chaplaincy and to each of our individual churches. Empower all those who minister to us with the gifts that your Holy Spirit makes available. Give them wisdom in their decision making and the ability to have a deep understanding of the way that actions taken are in accordance with your will.

(Short Silence)

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

Creator God, help us to be constantly aware of the world's needs and problems. Give the leaders of the world the courage to oppose sin and tyranny that there may be a greater unity among nations seeking to halt the threat of war and terrorism and that the common good of all humanity is served by their decisions and action. We pray for the Royal Families of Great Britain and Spain, especially for our Queen Elizabeth and the Royal Family following the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle yesterday.

(Short Silence)

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

Father God, we thank you for the gift of hospitality and all of the opportunities that we have to share food and fellowship with our families, friends and neighbours. We also give thanks for the gift of languages which enables us to communicate, even in a very small way, with our Spanish friends and neighbours and those who serve us in shops and cafes.

(Short Silence)

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

Merciful God, we pray for the gift of healing to restore those who are sick, injured or suffering.

We especially raise before you now those who have asked for healing prayer for themselves or a loved one.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

(Short Silence)

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

Holy God through the death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ you gave to all of us the wonderful gift of eternal life. Though we mourn their passing we remember before you those who have recently died and those long passed but still missed.

*(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 we pray that this Pentecost may bring our Chaplaincy and Church community a renewed sense of unity with all Christians around the world. May we use the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given us to spread the good news and live the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

**Intercessions for Trinity Sunday**

To God the Father, who first loved us, and made us in His own image;

To God the Son who loved us, and washed away our Sins in his own Blood;

To God the Holy Spirit, who spreads the Love of God abroad in our hearts,

We raise our prayers this morning

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all Christian people; for Robert and David our bishops, and for all who teach and guard the faith ...

May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, and knit us together in the bond of your love.

(Short Silence)

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

Father God we pray for the leaders of the nations, and for those in authority under them ... Give them all a desire to work for international unity seeking to halt the threat of war and terrorism, and that the common good of all humanity be served by their efforts.

(Short Silence)

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

Son of God we pray for our church and its role in the Chaplaincy of the Holy Spirit and for all those who live, work and visit here. Speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.

(Short Silence)

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

Spirit of God we pray for those who do not believe, and for those of hesitant belief.

Open their ears to hear your voice, and open their hearts to receive you, the very Spirit of life.

(Short Silence)

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

Gracious God we pray for those weighed down with grief, fear or sickness. May Christ your living Word bring them comfort and healing. We especially raise before you now those on our prayer list.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

(Short Silence)

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

Loving God we give thanks for all who have died in the faith of Christ, and we rejoice with them and all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word of Life Eternal fulfilled through your son Jesus Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit.

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

**(Short Silence)**

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

Lord of the Church, hear our prayers and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever.

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

**Intercessions for First Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God we ask you to guide your people and to inspire us with the desire to put aside our differences as we seek to serve you. Help us to reach out as the Body of Christ to all who remain outside, especially those who feel unworthy or too sinful. Give us through your grace opportunities to invite them into our fellowship so that they may taste and see that the Lord is good.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God, we know that we are part of the problems that the world faces, and we know that wherever there is resentment between people there will be tension. We pray that those who lead us and the other nations of the world will always try to solve issues in a peaceful way and intervene in the world's conflicts with forethought and

common sense. We pray for the Royal Families of the UK and Spain and commend them to your love.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Gracious God we pray for our children and young people as they near the end of another academic year. Be with those who are beginning important examinations at school and university and those starting new lives in the world of work. Help us, through our Christian life to create a society where both young and old, gifted and less able feel valued and proud to be a part of society.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Gracious God, we pray for all those who are afflicted by physical, emotional or mental illness. Comfort all who care for the mentally ill. Be with them, we pray, through the lonely watches of the night and the narrow tunnel of their pain and grief. 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, your love reaches beyond the grave and so we bring before you those whose earthly life is now at an end. Receive their souls into your kingdom, we pray, that redeemed by grace they may be forgiven for their sins, rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

*(Short Silence)*

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

And so Heavenly Father wherever nature's beauty or the daily miracles around help us to see your hand at work we thank you for the grace to live and enjoy it to the full.

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

**Intercessions for Second Sunday after Trinity**

Father God, we approach your throne of grace with our concerns, our burdens and our thanksgiving for all your people throughout the world. Help us to put our trust in you

and in our Saviour Jesus Christ who taught us that you love us as a parent and want only what is right for us.

May the seeds that are being planted in our Chaplaincy grow into branches that reach out into every part of the Costa Blanca and help us as we try and focus on the big issues that sometimes threaten to overwhelm us.

*(Short Silence)*

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

We pray for Christian Church throughout the world and especially for churches in places where religious faith is suppressed or where Christianity is an unwelcome minority.

We pray for our Chaplains both full time and part-time and for all who serve on Chaplaincy Council and Local Church Councils and we pray for guidance and wisdom in all the work that they do which enables the Chaplaincy to function day by day.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God we pray for our world which seems to be forever caught up in violence and conflict. Through the media, we are witnesses to terrorist violence in so many parts the world. As we continue to pray for peace and goodwill towards all people we also pray for the innocent victims and their families caught up in conflicts which are not of their making.

We pray for our world leaders and for the Royal Families of Great Britain and Spain. We also pray for our community leaders and those in public office dealing with difficult situations. Help us to always be aware of the part that we can play by using scarce resources carefully and unselfishly.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God in today's Gospel your son Jesus gives us a hard teaching regarding families and so we ask you to help us to be gentle, with our families and friends who are not also part of our Christian family. 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.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Loving God we think now of those in need in our own community and further afield; the elderly, the housebound and those in care homes, hospital and hospice. We also remember the victims of violence, abuse or cruelty. We give thanks for all those who care for the sick within the family, and for all our medical and voluntary services.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

(Short Silence)

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

We pray for those who face the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one. Help us to support all those who mourn, both with our prayers and with practical help both this day and in the days and weeks to come. We remember before God those who have died and ask that those bereaved by their passing are aware of the light of Christ which eternally shines and brings so much hope.

Today we remember: –

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

(Short Silence)

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

Lord, 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. 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 Third Sunday after Trinity**

Everlasting God we are gathered together in love and fellowship, hear us now as we bring before you our cares and our needs.

And so we pray for your church throughout the world, for Christians everywhere meeting in small house groups, in rural and town churches and in great city cathedrals. Grant that we and all your people may be built up in our faith and show in our lives the love we see in Jesus.

(Short Silence)

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

Lord God, we give you thanks for our church here ..... and for our Chaplaincy representing the Church of England here in the Costa Blanca. We pray for all who

minister and preach and who enlarge and enrich our understanding of God and help us to respond to his love.

(Short Silence)

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

Holy God, we pray for Christians working in places of power and influence who make decisions which affect the lives of so many people. We ask you to bless those who work in politics, in the media, in advertising and in the financial markets. May they all know what to say and how to act for the benefit of all people and at all times to be true and faithful to you.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God we pray for those whom we love, family and friends who are the special people in our lives wherever they may be. We pray for their hopes, their fears, their problems and their needs but most of all we thank you for each one of them and for what they give and mean to us.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God when our lives feel chaotic and desolate because of illness or sorrow, help us to hear your holy word for by that word Jesus calmed the storm and by it he healed and made people whole. We pray for those who have requested our prayers; help them to triumph over their Goliaths and help them put their trust in You and in the knowledge and skills of the doctors and nurses who are treating them.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God, into your caring hands we commit those who have died and we pray for all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. This morning we pray for and remember.....

*(Short Silence)*

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

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

Faithful God we pray for ourselves; as we go from our worship today to start the week ahead, we ask that in all we do, we may we walk more closely with you at our side

safe in the knowledge that your fatherly love and care knows no bounds and may the seed that we scatter always fall on fertile ground..

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

### **Intercessions for the Birth of John the Baptist**

Mighty God as we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist on our Gospel journey, we pray, mindful of his pre-ordained role to be your son's herald, that you give us the courage to be faithful and to "bear fruits worthy of repentance".

**(Short Silence)**

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

Everlasting God, we pray for your church here in the Chaplaincy of the Holy Spirit, Costa Blanca, for our Chaplains and PTO's and for their families. We ask for your blessing on our work as we seek to create a church community that welcomes visitors and strangers, provides a refuge for those who feel threatened or alone, a refuge from life's troubled waters.

**(Short Silence)**

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

Loving God, who sent John the Baptist to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: help the leaders of the world to see the brokenness of your creation and give them the grace and courage to take heed of John's warnings and to turn away from our sinfulness.

Following John's preaching, 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 the people of the world.

**(Short Silence)**

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

Holy God, we pray for those among our friends and families who do not know you, or whose faith has been shaken or like Zechariah find it hard to believe your power. We also pray for all those experiencing the joy of the birth of a new family member especially when it is a first child which brings with it so many worries and concerns.

**(Short Silence)**

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

Merciful God we pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit and for those who care for them. We pray for any who are in special need of our prayers at this time, especially those known personally to us. We raise them now before you ....

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

(Short Silence)

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

Loving God we pray for those 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.

(Short Silence)

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

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

Gracious God, who sent John the Baptist to proclaim the Good News, send us out into the world reflecting 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 Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

Mighty God, when the waves of life threaten to overwhelm us forgive us if we blame you or others for our troubles. Teach us to find you in the storms of life and give us the faith those early disciples lacked to always believe that you will bring calm and peace.

(Short Silence)

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

Everlasting God we pray for your church here in the Chaplaincy of the Holy Spirit, Costa Blanca, for our Chaplains and PTO's and for their families. We ask for your blessing on our work as we seek to create a church community that welcomes visitors and strangers, provides a refuge for those who feel threatened or alone, a refuge from life's troubled waters.

(Short Silence)

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



Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world 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**

Holy God, we thank you for the joy of human love, and for all those among whom we live and work. We especially pray for those among our friends and families who do not know you, or whose faith has been shaken. Help them to see that “We have an Anchor that keeps the soul, steadfast and sure while the billows roll, fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour’s love!”

(Short Silence)

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

Merciful God we pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit and for those who care for them. We pray for the sick especially for those who like St Paul have been given “a thorn in the flesh”.

We pray for any who are in special need of our prayers at this time, especially those known personally to us. We raise them now before you ....

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

(Short Silence)

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

Loving God we pray for those 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.

(Short Silence)

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

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

Gracious God, help us to know that the one who calmed the waves on the Sea of Galilee is present with us day by day and that he cares for us and can calm the waves of our lives. Help us to trust more fully and more deeply in you, in all that we are involved with, in the days to come.

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

## **Intercessions for Fifth Sunday after Trinity Year B**

Almighty God, we lift our prayers to you for all people everywhere, those close to us and those far away. We pray for the Worldwide Anglican Church and for the Church of England here in The Costa Blanca asking for your help to grow in faith. Help us also to respect the beliefs of others even if we do not share them, to celebrate what we have in common and accept our differences. Guide us in our ministries as we live each day determined to spread the Good News of your son Jesus Christ.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God look with compassion on the whole human family; take away arrogance and hatred that infects the hearts of those who pursue violence and terrorism; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love and peace. We pray today for peacemakers throughout the world, may they bring hope out of despair, peace out of conflict and prosperity out of poverty.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God we pray for our families and friends and especially for young people that they may grow up knowing love and hope, valuing life and respecting others. We pray for those who are about to leave school and move on to the next stage in their lives, and for those for whom what happens next depends on exam performance. We pray for those joining us here in the Costa Blanca on holiday over the coming weeks praying that they may travel safely and return refreshed.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God, today's gospel showed the tremendous faith of a sick woman. Help us to learn from this "that we should always pray and not give up" and that if we "ask it will be given to us." We raise before you now all those who we know who need to touch the hem of Jesus' garments and receive health and healing in their lives.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Heavenly Father, 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.

*(Short Silence)*

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

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

Gracious God, we have laid before you our concerns and now we offer you our thanks and praise for all the blessings and gifts you lavish on us. In the weeks ahead help us to keep the faith as deeply and passionately as Jairus and the woman at the lake.

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

### **Intercessions for Sixth Sunday after Trinity Year B**

Everlasting God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers which we offer in his name and by the power of your Holy Spirit working among us that we might tell "The word of Truth" and live the Gospel of Salvation as a living example for all mankind.

We pray for those who minister and preach that they may never find themselves rejected out of hand as our Saviour Jesus Christ was in his hometown synagogue.

Holy God we pray for your Church, for Archbishop Justin and our Bishops Robert and David. We pray that they will be strengthened and protected by the Holy Spirit in all they do and say. We pray for the work of The General Synod of the Church of England meeting in York this weekend

**(Short Silence)**

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

Creator God we pray for the leaders of the world carrying responsibilities for the lives of their people especially the Royal Families of the United Kingdom and Spain. We pray for all victims of recent terrorism and for a new determination to end the spiral of violence which brings with it so much fear, heartache and suffering.

**(Short Silence)**

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

Gracious God, we pray for the people of the Costa Blanca especially for those who feel excluded, exploited or ignored. Help us, your people, to work together to build a community which is as open and generous as your love, shown to us in the gift of your Son Jesus Christ.

**(Short Silence)**

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

Loving God we pray for healing in body, mind and spirit for all who are in need. 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 your all-encompassing love.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful 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**

And so Heavenly Father 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**

To God the Father who created the world, To God the Son who redeemed the world, To God the Holy Spirit who sustains the world; be all praise and glory now and forever.

Everlasting God, we pray that all who come into our church may be enabled to renew their relationship with you and may find in your rest, peace, strength, grace and most of all your abiding presence. Help us as a congregation to be outward looking that through our fellowship we may share our faith and the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ with those who we love and live amongst.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God we pray for the people of our world who are less fortunate than we are, especially those who live in the third world, in countries where there is very little governmental stability and in countries where there is drought or famine. Help us to remember those who are weary with the relentless struggle to keep alive; for those who can never look forward to a good meal and a comfortable bed, and those who

barely have the necessities of life, much less so many material luxuries which we so often take for granted.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God may the needs of our families, friends and neighbours be made clear to us today, and may we find that in our giving to them we grow closer to you. We thank you for those whose work sustains our adopted country and the community of the Costa Blanca in which we live. ; for all who create wealth from travel and tourism, for those who grow and provide our food, for those who, day and night, maintain public services; for the police, and emergency services, and for all whose work is in the local health service

*(Short Silence)*

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

Healing God, we raise before you those who are sick. We ask that you will ease their pain and heal the damage done to them in body, mind or spirit. Be present with them through the support of friends and in the care of doctors and nurses, fill them with the warmth of your love now and always.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God we commend into your hands those whom we have loved and now have lost.....You gave them breath and loved and cared for them throughout their lives. Receive them now in your eternal kingdom and may the rest peace and rise in glory.

*(Short Silence)*

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

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

Faithful God, we dedicate all these people and petitions to your loving care. Give us the strength and courage to walk alongside those in need, to fight for justice for the oppressed and to allow others to see you in us and 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 Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

Holy God Make us receptive and open as we lay our intercessions before you. May we accept your kingdom like children taking bread from the hands of their father or mother.

*(Short Silence)*

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

We thank You that our chaplains are working faithfully to lead your church here in....., and that you work through them. May they always be aware of the blessings you bestow on them; strengthen and uphold them when they grow weary in their ministries. Constantly remind us all that You who began all good work in us will ultimately perfect it through your son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God we pray for your whole creation; for our brothers and sisters throughout the world and for their lives to be respected and revered regardless of creed or colour, gender or sexuality, wealth or status and for a responsible sharing of precious resources and the conservation of our fragile and beautiful world. We pray for our Queen Elizabeth and Government of the United Kingdom, for the King and Government of Spain and all world leaders and the responsibilities that they have in bringing these things about.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God, we raise before you those in our community trying to grow or produce our food under difficult circumstances as the drought here in the Costa Blanca continues. We also pray for folk who are struggling to cope with the heat, especially the frail and elderly and any others at risk

*(Short Silence)*

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

Loving God bring healing to all who are wounded, make whole those who are broken, and shed light wherever there is darkness. Hear now those we name before you who have asked for or are in need of healing prayer.....

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

**(Short Silence)**

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

Merciful God we thank you for those who have travelled before us on the way of the cross and are now at peace in your eternal presence. Help us to live always mindful of your promise to us that the road of faith will lead into your heavenly kingdom.

*(Short Silence)*

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

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

Faithful God, through these prayers we offer afresh our lives as well as our words; send us out into the world determined that each moment from now on becomes an offering of love for you.

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

### **Intercessions for Mary Magdalene**

Almighty God, today we thank you for the witness of Mary Magdalene, a woman once possessed by demons and guilty of many sins, whose life was changed by Jesus. Might we too find our lives transformed by the miracle of such love, and enjoy restoration and forgiveness through his amazing love.

*(Short Silence)*

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

We thank You that our chaplains are working faithfully to lead your church here in....., and that you work through them. May they always be aware of the blessings you bestow on them; strengthen and uphold them when they grow weary in their ministries. Constantly remind us all that You who began all good work in us will ultimately perfect it through your son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God we pray for your whole creation; for our brothers and sisters throughout the world and for their lives to be respected and revered regardless of creed or colour, gender or sexuality, wealth or status and for a responsible sharing of precious resources and the conservation of our fragile and beautiful world. We pray especially for women like Mary Magdalene whose lives are broken by abuse and sexual sin whilst working within the world's sex trade

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God, we raise before you our homes and our relationships for you to work in. We thank you for the community of which we are part; for those who share with us in its activities, for all who serve its varied interests. Help us, to make our own contribution to the community and to learn to be good neighbours at all times.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Loving God bring healing to all who are wounded, make whole those who are broken, and shed light wherever there is darkness. Hear now those we name before you who have asked for or are in need of healing prayer.....

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

**(Short Silence)**

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

Merciful God we thank you for those who have travelled before us on the way of the cross and are now at peace in your eternal presence. Help us to live always mindful of your promise to us that the road of faith will lead into your heavenly kingdom.

*(Short Silence)*

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

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

Faithful God, Fill our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

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

**Intercessions for Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Holy God, out of your goodness, a great crowd was fed and satisfied with a small offering of food.

In this time of prayer we thank you for supplying all our needs and offer you the love of our hearts as we pray for our Church here in..... and for our Chaplaincy with all its varied ministries; for the youngest to the oldest; for those of certain faith and for those who struggle with doubts.

*(Short Silence)*

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



Creator God, we pray for those throughout the world who are physically hungry. We know that so many of the world's people lack enough nourishment; help us to be diligent in prayer and generous in giving to those agencies which try to alleviate their suffering.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God, we raise before you our homes and our relationships for you to work in. We thank you for the community of which we are part; for those who share with us in its activities, for all who serve its varied interests. Help us, to make our own contribution to the community and to learn to be good neighbours at all times.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Loving God, we place in your hands those who are sick. We ask that you ease their pain, and heal the damage they are suffering in body, mind or spirit. Be present with them through the support of friends and in the care of doctors and nurses.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God, we offer our thanks for lives well lived but now come to an end. Be close to those bereaved by their passing and console them with your unfailing love.

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

*(Short Silence)*

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

Faithful God, Fill our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

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

**Intercessions for Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

Everlasting God Help us to understand the way that you would like things to be done and to be ready to follow your ways until we too can enter the wide-open doors of heaven.

Almighty God you want us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers in Christ as dear to us as ourselves. Help us to love our neighbours as ourselves as we offer our thanks and our intercessions on behalf of the church here in the Costa Blanca and throughout the world.

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

Creator God, you call us all to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit. Help us to demonstrate our love for your creation and the world in the way that we live. Open the hearts of those with power both elected and non-elected and give them compassion in all that they do for the good of the people that they lead. We pray for the Royal families of Spain and Great Britain.

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

Creator God we pray for all those here in the Costa Blanca holiday this Summer. Thank you for the refreshment which holiday brings to their lives, for the freedom from routine and for the new experiences and opportunities they have as they explore our countryside and relax in our resorts. Thank you for the gift of your wonderful creation and help us to be good steward especially in our leisure time.

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

Loving God friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has healed so many in body, mind and spirit. We hold before you those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. We especially pray at this time for all those badly affected by the high temperatures being experienced here in Spain and for the serious drought in the UK which is causing so much distress to farming communities

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

Merciful God, we pray for all who grieve for loved ones who have died. Be with them in their sorrow, lead them with your love to accept their loss and to go on with their lives. We raise before you those who have died recently and those whose anniversary falls at this time

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

God of power, hear our prayers, and through the ministry of your, Son free us from the grip of the world and all that is evil. Lead us as we go forward into another week strengthened and upheld by your love, the knowledge of the Gospel and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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

**Intercessions for Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Everlasting God as we approach your throne in the House of Wisdom in humility and simplicity we ask that you will hear our prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

Almighty God we pray for our churches in The Costa Blanca and ask that our church here in..... be given a clear vision of what is needed to be both focused and relevant in all that is good and serves your purpose of spreading the Good News to both residents and visitors.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God we thank you for the beauty of the created world; for its wonderful variety and the bounty that it brings forth. Help us all to be good stewards showing love and friendship to all peoples and the enjoying the warmth and light they bring to our lives. Be close to all who govern ensuring the decisions that they make, day by day, are made for the benefit all of the people entrusted to them in their leadership.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God we pray for our own communities and all of our neighbours. We thank you also for our families and friends, raising before you those we know with particular needs. May your peace and love surround them bringing with it comfort and strength. We especially pray for those who have been affected by the recent spate of fires following the long drought experienced in our region. We thank you for the emergency services, fire police and ambulance, and for those flying aerial water bombers.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Gracious God we thank you for those we know who are on the road to recovery and for the miracle of healing. We pray for all who minister to the sick and infirm, both at home and in hospital care centres. We name before you now, those we know who are ill or in need of our prayers asking that through these requests they may all experience the light of the Gospel and a real sense of your healing presence.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God we pray for those whose lives have been shattered by the death of someone close and dear to them. We pray for members of our natural and church families who have died and whose anniversary we remember now.

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

*(Short Silence)*

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

Faithful God, receive our intercessions and thanksgiving on behalf of the church and the world. Hear our prayers and reward our stewardship of this earth with the riches of heaven.

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

**Intercessions for Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Everlasting God we come before you in this time of prayer to give you thanks for all you have done for us. We thank you for the cool of the morning, for the power of the sun and for the beauty of our part of The Costa Blanca. Help us to be aware of your presence and hear your voice and make us always ready to obey and do your will. We pray for the church throughout the world and especially for our church here in..... We thank you for all those who serve you so diligently; for our Chaplaincy Wardens Andrew and Stephen; for all local wardens and their committees; for everyone who contributes to the running of services and fundraising events and for all who attend for worship and fellowship.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God we pray for peace in the world. We pray for a time when the weapons of war will be replaced by your protection; when oppression will be overcome by justice; when lies and deceit will be replaced by truth and integrity; and when hatred and cruelty will be replaced with your Spirit of love and justice.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Gracious God, we thank you for our family, friends and neighbours and for those around us with whom we work and share our daily lives. Give us a true awareness that we all share your world with others and help us to make our homes welcoming places that reflect our Christian beliefs.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Mighty God, be close to all who are frightened because they are ill. Reassure them that because of the knowledge that you have given to modern medicine that so many diseases can now be cured. We name before you now all those who are in need at this time.....

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God, we remember and thank you for the lives and example of those who have died in the faith of Christ and for the privilege of sharing our lives with them. Be with those who mourn and open their minds that they may find hope and the will to carry on despite the heaviness of heart they are now experiencing.

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

*(Short Silence)*

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

Holy God, thank you for helping us to pray; deepen our loving so that as daily we pray through this coming week we may do it with love and sincerity in sure and certain knowledge of your abiding presence.

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

**Intercessions for Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Heavenly Father who created us to be sisters and brothers in Christ, hear us as we lift our hearts in thanksgiving and praise and hear our prayers and intercessions for all those in need.

We thank you for the fellowship of the church family around us and as we gather once more in this house of prayer may our worship not only honour you with our lips, but also with our hearts and minds. Give us encouragement when we, like St Peter, find the teachings of your Son difficult to take on board.

**(Short Silence)**

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

Creator God in a world where the news so often seems to be about terrorism, war and crimes of violence, help us to focus more on the victims than on the perpetrators and to constantly pray for peace in all of those parts of the world torn apart by such mindless atrocities. Give to world leaders and governments the wisdom and desire to make the right decisions and to work together for the good of all.

In the Costa Blanca, we continue to pray for an end to drought and for those brave souls who risk their lives fighting the serious fires in our region.

**(Short Silence)**

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

Gracious God, thank you for our families, friends and neighbours and those around us with whom we work and share our daily lives. We thank you for all the joys and blessings of family life. Help us when we quarrel or fall out to quickly put things right and forgive one another.

**(Short Silence)**

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

Loving God we raise before you all whose lives are restricted by illness. We remember the chronically ill, those in constant pain, the depressed and the despairing. We especially pray for those in our Chaplaincy who we now name

*(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.

**(Short Silence)**

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

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

Faithful God, we have shared with you our petitions, requests and thanksgiving so we now ask for the blessing of your presence in the week ahead. We pray that you will guide us, guard us and keep us safe in all we do and say.

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

### **Intercessions for Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Everlasting God hear us as we pray in faith and focus on the needs of others as well as ourselves.

We pray for the whole family of your church here in the Costa Blanca. May all your people be built up in faith and demonstrate in their lives the gospel of Jesus Christ. Give courage to those who find it hard to follow you.

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

Creator God Your Son entered creation that all might be made new. Look in mercy on our broken world and speak to all people that they may hear the message of peace. Guide and guard those who speak out for justice and mercy and face the wrath of undemocratic leaders and governments.

We pray for our Queen and 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.

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

Lord 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 church and in our community. We pray particularly for those among our friends and families who do not know you, or whose faith has been shaken or fallen away.

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

Heavenly Father you gave your prophet Isaiah an “instructed tongue to know the word that sustains the weary” help us to comfort the weary and those who are ill with a call or a visit or a through the post with a get-well card. Help also to be constant in our prayer for friends and family in any kind of need. We especially pray for.....

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

Loving God Lord God we pray for those kept fresh in our memory and for those long forgotten; for all who shared our homes, our places of work and our church life; for all who helped to shape our lives. We pray too for the recently departed asking that they all find rest in your Heavenly Kingdom as we commend them to your keeping for ever.

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

Almighty God as we move into another week, deliver our eyes from tears and our feet from stumbling and walk with us on our journey of faith as we carry the cross of Christ into the world.

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

**Intercessions for Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Heavenly Father Mindful of the words of the prophet Isaiah to be strong and fearless, we gather our thoughts and prayers with hope and humbly call on you to help us in our needs.

Give your wisdom and heavenly grace to all those who serve this Chaplaincy and the Diocese of Europe, especially Bishop Robert, Bishop David and Archdeacon Geoff,

and to all others who hold office in your church, that, by their service, faith may abound and your kingdom increase. (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 community leaders and those in public office dealing with difficult situations.

(Short Silence)

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

Creator God, we worship you as the one who has given us this life and 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**

Loving God Isaiah also foretells the time when Jesus came to open the eyes of the blind and unstop deaf ears and cast out evil spirits. We especially pray for any we know who are blind or deaf and for the specialist care which they receive to help them live a normal life. Thank you too for Guide dogs for the Blind and for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and for those who train them to be so helpful. We raise before you for those in our Chaplaincy who need our ongoing prayers at this time.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

(Short Silence)

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

Merciful God, we pray for all who are coming to the end of their journey here on earth and pray that they may come into your presence and kingdom. We pray for all those who have come before your face and now rejoice in the fullness of life eternal.

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

(Short Silence)

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

Faithful God, we thank you that your wisdom not only to enlightens us but transforms us and guides us in our daily walk through life with you. Help us, as James advises, to always accompany our words of faith with deeds of action.



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

**Intercessions for Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Heavenly Father hear our prayers and listen to the words of our mouths as we lay before your throne our hopes and fears, our joys and concerns and all the things for which we give thanks.

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 , drive away despair from our politics, revive our dreams of justice and truth, and restore our passion for what is good and right. Establish your just and gentle rule throughout the world especially where there is conflict; where peace seems so far away and so many have lost everything, even the faint hope of a peaceful future.

(Short Silence)

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

Gracious God, help us always to remember that in life we are “Third” and that you and our neighbour come first. Help us always to practice unselfishness as we try to live out lives where we genuinely try to be the servant of all as our Lord commanded.

(Short Silence)

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

Loving God Lord, 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**

Loving Father, we pray for those who have died alone, unnoticed and unloved. We pray for those who have committed suicide or died in accidents of their own making. We commend all the departed 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 as we leave this place today and return to our homes and loved ones draw near to us, strengthen our faith, deepen our love for you and for our neighbours and open our eyes to the wonder of your creation.

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

### **Intercessions for Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

Holy God, your law is perfect and your statutes are trustworthy and so we pray to you knowing that you will hear our prayers and answer them in your way.

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 recognise our part in 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 when we come to the crossroads and have to choose which way to go lead us to the path of justice and righteousness whilst steering us away from the road that leads to selfishness and sin.

(Short Silence)

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

Heavenly Father, 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**

Mighty God, we pray for those who you have called to the study and practice of medicine, healing and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them as they follow Jesus' example, that through their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified. We now name before you those who we know and love who need healing in their lives.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

(Short Silence)

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

Loving God, you sent to earth your son Jesus Christ so that in your power and love we might also have the gift of eternal life; bless those whom we love that have departed this life with the gifts of your all-encompassing love and life eternal.

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

(Short Silence)

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

Lord, 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. 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 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Loving God we thank you for your invitation to gather here as we seek a true relationship with you. We bow before you now in humility and with faith, voicing our petitions.

Holy God your servant Paul teaches us that your word is living and active and so we pray that our Church life will also be full of life and activity and that day by day we will grow to know you more clearly and love you more dearly.

(Short Silence)

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

Mighty God, so often the lack of justice throughout the world makes us angry and bitter. Like the prophets of old, we see the poor being trampled and denied the basic freedoms that we so often take for granted. We pray for all those who are being driven from their homes in Syria and forced to seek refuge in Europe. We pray that the member nations of the European Union will all do their best to offer a safe refuge to those in need.

(Short Silence)

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

Father God in our journey with you through our lives we find that we have often left friends and family behind for the sake of your son Jesus Christ. Help us to show them through the way that we live our lives that they too can be a part of that journey and that the rewards you promise are a present reality.

(Short Silence)

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

Merciful God, 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**

Gracious 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.

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

(Short Silence)

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

Creator 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**

**Intercessions for Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity – Harvest**

Father God we give you thanks that once again the earth has produced her increase. All over our beautiful world the harvest of grain is drying, ready for feed and bread and the harvest of roots crops and vegetables have been lifted or picked and stored. The harvest of the grapevine, the almond, the olive, are even now being picked and

the harvest of the fruit tree, oranges, lemons, plums, apples, pears, and figs are being gathered in as each in its turn ripens in the autumn sun.

Holy God thank you that you give us our daily bread and fruit in its season but beyond this bread we look to the bread of heaven; beyond this fruit we look to the fruits of eternal life and so we pray for your church here in the Costa Blanca and those who minister to us Sunday by Sunday and help to fulfil our spiritual hunger.

(Short Silence)

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

Creator God we pray for harvests in parts of your world suffering drought, natural disaster, disease and terrorism. We pray for the struggling and the oppressed. Help those without power to negotiate or bargain within fairly traded markets and help all whose work goes unrewarded or whose produce is undervalued to realise their true value and worth and to be paid a fair wage for their labours.

(Short Silence)

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

Faithful God, we pray for all those here in Spain who provide for our daily needs. For those working on the land, delivering foodstuffs and working in our local markets and shops. We especially remember those who are struggling with the problems of drought, flooding and changing markets and well as the bureaucracy of the EEC.

(Short Silence)

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

Loving God we pray for those who are ill and in pain, longing to live full lives, for those who are sad and hurt longing for comfort, for those in hospital awaiting treatment, for those convalescing, seeing an end to their suffering and for those whose only relief will come through death. May we always offer gentle support to those in trouble sensitive encouragement to those in need, and strength and support to those in weakness.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

(Short Silence)

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

Merciful Lord, 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**

Holy God as we leave this church today we ask that your guiding hand may be upon our lives. Make us always grateful for the harvest and bounty of your creation and all those who provide for our daily needs and continue to inspire us again with your spirit that those who have, may readily share with those who have not.

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

**Intercessions for Saint Luke–October 18 – 2015**

St. Luke, saintly Physician, you were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write for us an account of the life of Jesus and the beginnings of our church. In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, you also demonstrated his divinity and his genuine compassion for all human beings

We pray the church's ministry of healing here in the Costa Blanca, for the Healing Services held at The Franciscan Hospice and for the planning and implementation of similar services in the south of the Chaplaincy. We pray too for those with an active ministry in our local hospitals and care homes especially at Benimeli and Alfaz del Pi.

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

Creator God at this the end of the Week of Prayer for World Peace we give you thanks for the way that people of many faiths have prayed together with a common aim. We pray for the Peace of the World, raising before you the countless places and populations who have never enjoyed the peace which we in Europe so often take for granted. Jesus said "Blessed are the Peacemakers

for they shall be known as the Children of God " and with this in mind focus world leaders to strive for peace not only internationally but also within their own countries. May peace begin with us, in our homes, with our families and friends as we strive to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

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

Holy 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.

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

Loving God just as you inspired St Luke, inspire all modern doctors with skill, professionalism and compassion for their patients. Enable them to cure the ills of both body and spirit that afflict so many in our day. We pray now for all those whom we know and love and are in need of healing.....

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

Father God many people die from a lack of proper medical facilities each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly from these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.

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

Faithful God as we depart this service after hearing the Gospel and sharing in the Eucharist may we, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, know the fire that burns in every heart touched by the risen Christ in our midst

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

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

**Intercessions for Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

Let us come with openness to express our concerns for the Church and the world, to the God of compassion and gracious understanding.

Compassionate 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 visits, flowers and keep our places of worship looking good; those who assist, serve read and pray.

(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 when we come to the crossroads and have to choose which way to go lead us to the path of justice and righteousness whilst steering us away from the road that leads to selfishness and sin.

(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 those who are sick, that the Lord may 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

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

(Short Silence)

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

Merciful 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**

Everlasting God, send us out into the coming week to live the Good News. Give us the will each day to live in life eternal. Let our citizenship be in heaven with the whole company of the redeemed and with countless angels, praising, worshipping and adoring him who sits upon the throne for ever and ever.

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

**Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the words of wisdom we hear week by week from your son Jesus. Help us all to learn from the lesson that he gave to his Disciples that greatness among his followers should be measured by their ability to live as servants and slaves, even if it means suffering oppression at the hands of those who wield power.

(Short Silence)

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

Creator God, we pray for those people in the world who are looked down upon or treated as inferior. We especially pray for women, young people and children: who are so often marginalised, mistreated, overlooked and ignored.

(Short Silence)

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



Father God, we ask for the wisdom to discern your wishes and direction in our lives and ask for your help to guide 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. Give us grace that, even in our smallest actions to put the needs of others before those of our own.

(Short Silence)

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

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(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. 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, in the coming week, when we fail to understand the difficulties we are going through in our lives, help us to trust you in all things and never doubt your perfect plans and purposes.

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

**Intercessions for Bible Sunday**

Everlasting God, we thank you that your written Word continues to inspire us, showing us who you are, how you love us, how we should live and what we can be.

We thank you for all from our churches who contribute to worship by reading out your word. Give them and us discernment as we hear and inwardly digest the wisdom that we receive.

Thank you too for the way in which the Bible brings guidance, hope and health to people everywhere and we pray for the work of The Bible Society and its supporters that they too will be blessed through the varied work they do at home and globally to introduce the Bible to people's minds and hearts.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God we thank you that Scripture shows us that you care for the entire world and all its People. We especially pray for all migrants and refugees around the world, that they would be able to unite themselves to the Holy Family who shared in their plight and would meet kindness and generosity in their search for a home. We give you thanks for the positive response from many countries and pray that this welcome be extended by many more.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Faithful God we pray our families and friends and our church community this Bible Sunday,

May we all be renewed in our love of the Scriptures that through the study of your Word we might encounter Christ in them and allow ourselves to be transformed by his words and actions.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Gracious God, we pray for the sick, the lonely and the hurting in our community and for those who care for them. Help them to draw strength from the love of our Lord Jesus shown through the words of scripture. As we think of the power of your Word to set captives free, we pray too for those who are chained by situations beyond their control or by sickness of body, mind or spirit.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

Loving God we pray for all who have died; especially those who encouraged us in our faith by their Biblical understanding and teaching. As we pray for them, may they, in turn, continue to pray for us that we may stay true to our faith and by our example give similar encouragement to others.

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

(Short Silence)

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

Holy God, hear these and all our prayers and let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

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

### **Intercessions for All Saints' Sunday**

God of All the Saints we ask that we might be a holy church, a praying church, a giving church, a serving church. May the saints in heaven be an example for us as today as we reassess our pledges and refocus our giving, mindful of our Chaplaincy's Mission here in the Costa Blanca and rejoicing in the positive steps being taken to work within the budget set by the Chaplaincy Council

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer**

God of Peace we thank you for your world 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 accepting 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**

God of Compassion, bring healing and peace to the nations in conflict and where there is political instability. Protect those who are poor and hungry and give them hope. Move those with plenty to share with those who have little and help all people to love their neighbour as themselves.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer**

God of Justice, keep us from being preoccupied with money and worldly goods and with trying to increase them at the expense of justice. Let us not be so concerned with our own problems that we become lacking in concern for the problems of others. Help us to demonstrate our love for you in our daily lives and in the wider society of the Costa Blanca. Make us quick to forgive and slow to condemn and help us to strive for peace in our families, in our country and in the world.

*(Short Silence)*

#### **Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer**

God of Communities, we thank you for those who helped us on our journey of faith and encouraged us to keep going when we felt like giving up; for all those who taught us the faith; for those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives, striving for a better world following the example of your only son, Jesus Christ. We pray for our own community here and for our church, its congregation, wardens and for all those

who work tirelessly behind the scenes, to make our Church the thriving congregation it is today. *(Short Silence)*

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

God of Healing, 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.**

God of Eternity, we thank you for all the saints – those recognised by the Church and those known only to a few, and to you. We praise you for their example and rejoice that they now live with you heaven enjoying your everlasting peace

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

*(Short Silence)*

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

Lord as we go out from church today, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints. May we, week by week continue to celebrate our communion with them whenever and wherever we worship.

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

**Intercessions for Remembrance Sunday**

Almighty Father, we thank you for bringing us together on this Remembrance Sunday which falls on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War One, recalling with tenderness and respect those who lost their lives from this community and the many thousands further afield in the other wars of the last century.

We pray for all those still caught up in conflicts across the world and acknowledge what may be our own confusion about war and the use of weapons. Father, help us to meet with you in these moments of worship and make us ever mindful of your goodness towards us and strengthen us to be aware of the needs of others. As we pray for peace, give us peace in our hearts.

*(Short Silence)*

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

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those men and women who have died in active service: in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and forever.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Mighty God, have mercy on those who mourn who feel numb and crushed and are filled with the pain of grief, whose strength has given up. You know all our sighing and longings: be near to us and teach us to fix our hope on you.

We pray too for those we know who are ill, in hospital or in care homes and we remember to give 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.**

Father God, you know our hearts and share our sorrows. We are hurt by our parting from those whom we loved: when we are angry at the loss we have sustained, when we long for words of comfort, yet find them hard to hear, turn our grief to truer living, our affliction to firmer hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*(Short Silence)*

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

Lord God, do not abandon us in our desolation. Keep us safe in the midst of trouble, and complete your purpose for us through your steadfast love and faithfulness.

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

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy.

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

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**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 for ever. **Amen.**

### **Intercessions Second Sunday before Advent**

Everlasting God, as we approach the end of another Church Year we look back with gratitude and thankfulness for all of the blessings you have sent our way

*(Short Silence)*

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

Holy God, we pray for our Church and its role and place within the Chaplaincy. Thank you for those who have worked so hard arranging fellowship, outreach and fund-raising events. Thank you for new members of our congregations and the visitors who have joined us in worship whilst on holiday in the Costa Blanca.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Creator God, we pray for people suffering from the effects of conflict, terrorism and persecution in all parts of your world. For those who feel undervalued, ignored, forgotten in their work or life and for those who do not have enough of life's basic needs, food, clothing, shelter.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Gracious God, although we are sometimes separated by language and culture from the people we live amongst, we pray for them and their families and as we pray for our neighbours may they not only be mere words but day by day, moment by moment, in action, in the things we do and the way we do them.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Loving 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 now for those on our list of intercessions.

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God, we pray to you for those whom we love, but see no longer. Give to the departed your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the holy purpose of your perfect will.

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

*(Short Silence)*

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

Amazing God, we pray for ourselves; as we go from your house today to start the week ahead, we ask that in all we do, we may we walk more closely with you at our side safe in the knowledge that your fatherly love and care knows no bounds.

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

Eternal Father 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, we pray for 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**

Everlasting God we pray for all of your Churches in Spain which represents your Kingdom here on earth. We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant Churches and give thanks for the good relationships that we enjoy with them as we use their premise to preach the Good News.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ exchanged his heavenly and became a servant, we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people, and kept her in devoted service longer than all her predecessors. We pray too for King Felipe VI of Spain and other earthly leaders and monarchs; encourage them all to serve their people following Jesus' example constantly seeking the common good.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Loving God help us reach out to one another with greater love and better understanding; we pray for our homes, our relatives, our neighbours and our friends, particularly those who do not yet realise the extent of your love for them.

*(Short Silence)*

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

Father God, your Son, Jesus Christ, understood people's fear and pain before they spoke of them, we pray for those who are sick, housebound or in hospital; surround the frightened with your tenderness; give strength to those in pain; hold the weak in your arms of love, and give hope and patience to those who are recovering. *(Christine McMullen, Mother's Union)*

*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

*(Short Silence)*

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

Merciful God, you know our hearts and share our sorrows.



When parting from those whom we loved hurts; when the loss we have sustained turns to anger; when we find words of comfort hard to hear, surround us with your love turn our grief to hope. We pray now for the recently departed and 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**

Holy God you have rescued us from the power of darkness. Help us to walk in this world as citizens of your Kingdom of Light where Christ reigns as King in glory for ever and ever.

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

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