Parish of St Stephen's Norbury & Thornton Heath Intercessions.

THE CHURCH
As we prepare for the coming of the Lord, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant that the whole Church, as a faithful servant, shall be vigilant to know and diligent to perform your will. In watching and in penitence, may your people make ready for the coming joy of the Nativity.
Lord in your mercy…

THE WORLD
Guide all to discern the signs and to act with wisdom and justice. In a world of many anxieties and fast-paced change, we pray that the message of this Advent will keep the world's eyes fixed on you, our Lord and God. Have mercy on all who are suffering from natural disasters, and relieve their distress. Come to those who are in darkness and lead them to recognise the signs by which their lives can be guided.
Lord in your mercy…

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
We pray for those who live in **Richmond Road and St Helen's Road.** At this Advent time give us grace to serve by example and by deeds those who are close to us, our families, friends and neighbours and those with whom we work. As we look towards the season of Christmas, may we remember with humility and gratitude the great love of the Father in sending the Son.

THE SICK AND SUFFERING
We pray for those who are unwell at this time, that they may know God's healing and his peace. We continue to remember: SONIA COOPER, ELFINA FERNANDES, MILDRED SKINNER, BARBARA MYERS, ETA MARCUS, DAPHNE IRVING, HELEN LEADER, MALCOLM WALKES, JACKIE THOMPSON, HILDREM FERNANDES, REBECCA AKPOSHERI, LILY DEY, YVONNE MCKENZIE, SUSAN WADE, FRANKLYN HIGGINS, INEZ HIGGINS, JENIFER MORRIS, MARGARET MURRAY, VERONICA CADOGAN, WILL CURRY, MICHAEL GORDON, ERROL LODGE, LORRAINE FRENCH, KEN DOE, ERIN CRICHLOW, MAURICE & GIILLIAN COOPER, ROSE MACDONALD, LENROY WALLACE, ANDREW MARER, JUNE JACKSON, DOLORES BISNOUTH, CHARLIE PEDDER, ERIC RICHMOND, GEORGE JAMES, RICHARD BROWN, ABDOOL JAULIM, PETER WHITE, ELAINE BIDDISS, CHRIS MARCELLE, KEZIAH BROOKS, DONOVAN COOPER, IVLAW BOWMAN, MICHAEL LEWIS and CALEEB HUGHES. We pray too for the lonely, the anxious and the bereaved.
Lord in your mercy…

THE DEPARTED
We remember before our heavenly Father all the departed: all those who have died recently including **Ron Newsham, Peter Sanders, Christine Thomas, Harold Springer and John Rawson**. Those whose anniversary falls at this time; and for those who have no-one to pray for them. May all who have gone before us be gathered into the full joy and peace of heaven. **Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**
We join our prayers with those of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Stephen, St Bernard, and all the Saints in glory.
MERCIFUL FATHER ACCEPT THESE PRAYERS, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, AMEN.