

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

### **THE CHURCH**

In the power of the Resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Grant that your Church may ever respond with joyful eagerness to the vision of her risen Lord. Empower her ministers faithfully to feed your sheep, and bless all Christian people with grace to follow Christ to the end of the way. We continue to hold our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic Church in our prayers as the cardinals deliberate over the election of a new Pope. We pray for faithful witness across all denominations.

**Lord in your mercy...**

### **THE WORLD**

We pray for the world where so many are as sheep that are not fed, some lacking food for the body and others food for the soul. Grant that all people may come to know the Lord who is calling them to his side. We pray for peace in Ukraine. We ask for strength for those who have lost jobs or livelihoods because of the current economic climate across the globe. We pray for all who are disappointed after much striving that has seemed to end in failure.

**Lord in your mercy...**

### **THE LOCAL COMMUNITY**

As we give thanks for the mercy that fulfils our daily needs, we pray that we shall remember the needs of others and be generous in giving help. We pray for Norbury Hall, and for the food bank run through Winterbourne Nursery & Infants school. Help us to love our Lord with all our hearts and to live our family lives in fellowship with him.

**Lord in your mercy...**

### **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, MAX and ELFINA FERNANDES, AILEEN ESTWICK, MILDRED SKINNER, MURIEL STOCKER, PAULINE SALMON, BARBARA MYERS, BERTRAM CATWELL, ETA MARCUS, CLAUDETTE KAYUN, DAPHNE ERVING, HELEN LEADER, MALCOLM WALKS, JUDITH CHAMBERS, LAWRENCE AMIAKA, JACKIE THOMPSON, REBECCA AKPOSHERI, MICHAEL LEWIS, LILY DEY, ELIZABETH, YVONNE BLAIZE, BILLY COCKELL, SUSAN WADE, JENNIFER, SANCHA REDMAN 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 **Rudyard King, Patricia McClandish, Tanya Stewart Cummings, Marcia Williamson, Teresa Eppie, Patrick Jarvis and Gwendoline Powell.** 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.**