

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

THE CHURCH

Let us pray in reverent faith for the Church and for the world.

Grant that the Church, anointed with the oil of gladness in the faith of her Lord, may ever honour his majesty and proclaim his saving love. May his people so mediate upon his Passion that they may live worthily of the redemption which he brought. We pray for all who are exploring callings or a sense of vocation within the Church. We pray for all peoples whose everyday existence is made difficult because of their faith, praying especially for Christian communities in the Holy Land, Syria, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Lord in your mercy...

THE WORLD

Bless the people of the world with the spirit of generosity, not to count the cost of compassion but to give freely in love. We pray that those who perform the works of mercy shall be upheld and strengthened. We pray for all whose livelihoods may now be at risk because of increased tariffs and tensions across global trade networks. Have mercy on the poor and neglected, the homeless, and those entrapped by debt.

Lord in your mercy...

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Give grace to us, our families, friends and neighbours, to enter this Passiontide with love for one another and repentance for our sins. Bless all who live or work in this community with the spirit of service and mutual care. We pray for all who are anointed at this time in our community and parish. We ask that you will bless all who receive the Eucharist at home in our community.

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: POPE FRANCIS, 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, BILLY COCKELL 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 **Constance Bartholomew, Margaret Lewis, Serena Moore, Marcia Williamson, David Scott, 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.