

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

THE CHURCH

Let us pray with confidence to God, who has called us into his service.

As we have been called to be disciples in the Church of God, may we be worthy of our calling. Inspire us to proclaim the good news and bring comfort to the needy, seeking no reward but giving thanks for the grace we have received. We pray for all who are shepherds in our own lives, including our spiritual shepherds.

Lord in your mercy...

THE WORLD

Great Shepherd, look with compassion on the peoples of the world who lack purpose and direction. Have mercy on those who have been scattered by war or persecution and lead them into the secure fold of your love. We pray for those who are leaderless in the world, who wander like lost sheep.

Lord in your mercy...

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

We continue to pray for all those who live Maplethorpe Road and Kintyre Close. We pray for the spirit of mission, the power to speak of the faith that is in us and to show it in our lives. Open our eyes to see where the harvest is ripe in this community. Bless those in our community who minister to others, and those who teach in our schools. We continue to pray for the Winterbourne schools.

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, ELFINA FERNANDES, MILDRED SKINNER, BARBARA MYERS, ETA MARCUS, CLAUDETTE KAYUN, DAPHNE IRVING, HELEN LEADER, MALCOLM WALKES, JACKIE THOMPSON, REBECCA AKPOSHERI, LILY DEY, YVONNE MCKENZIE, SUSAN WADE, FRANKLYN HIGGINS, ALAN ROSS, JENIFER MORRIS, MARGARET MURRAY, VERONICA CADOGAN, WILL CURRY, MICHAEL GORDON, ERROL LODGE, LORRAINE FRENCH, KEN DOE, ERIN CRICHLow, MAURICE COOPER, ROSE MCDONALD, NICOLA CHANDLER, LENROY WALLACE, LASSIE JACOBS, SIMON TREWIN, LINDA NORRIS, CHARLIE PEDDER, ERIC RICHMOND, GEORGE JAMES, RICHARD BROWN, ELAINE BIDDISS, CHRIS MARCELLE, KEZIAH BROOKS, DONOVAN COOPER 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 **Maureen Robinson-Braithwaite, Veronica Mendelsohn and Reynold Kelman**. 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.