

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

### **THE CHURCH**

Let us give thanks for the gift of the Bible and pray for all who enable it to be studied, understood, and loved. Almighty God, in your goodness you have given us the Scriptures to equip us for every kind of good deed. We give thanks for all who translate the Bible, and pray that, through their work and skill, your word may go forth to the ends of the earth. We give thanks for all whose learning interprets the Scriptures, and pray for biblical scholars and theologians, that more light and truth may break forth from your word. We pray that your Church throughout the world may be a good and true guardian of the treasures of the Scriptures. **Lord in your mercy...**

### **THE WORLD**

We pray for the leaders of nations, and for those in authority under them. Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things. We pray for our own government as it prepares for the new Budget on 30<sup>th</sup> October, that all its policies and decisions may be for the common good. We pray for the peace of all nations and the good of all peoples. We pray that the precious truth revealed in the Bible that all human life is sacred because we are made in your image may be appreciated throughout the world. **Lord in your mercy...**

### **THE LOCAL COMMUNITY**

We pray for those who live in **Melfort Avenue and Norbury Crescent**. We pray for the staff and residence of Norbury Hall. We pray for staff, children and families of the WINTERBOURNE SCHOOLS. We remember the hungry and the homeless, Croydon Refugee Day Centre, Croydon Nightwatch and the organisers of food banks. We pray for grace so to read and to hear holy Scripture that our lives, and those of our families and friends, shall be rightly ordered. May the word of the Father, revealed through the Son, abide in us. **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 pray for Bishop Christopher as he recovers from his injuries, WE continue to remember MICHAEL GORDON, SONIA COOPER, MAX FERNANDES, LORNA JOHNSON, MARGARET MURRAY, HELEN LEADER, SONIA ROSS, CONSTANCE BARTHOLOMEW, DAPHNE ERVIN, MALCOLM WALKS, STEPHEN NELSON, SARAH HICKMAN, LILLY DEY, AILEEN ESTWICK, ROBERT AND RICHARD BROWN, REV ANDY DOVEY, MILDRED SKINNER, EDWARD GRANT and BRENDA CREESE. 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 **Daejaun Campbell** the young boy killed in Woolwich. Those whose anniversary falls at this time and 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.**