

Prayers for Sunday 9th. May 2021

Knowing Gods love and concern for us Let us pray to him now  
On behalf of the church and the world.

Father, bless our Christian family

Both in this church and throughout the world;

May we be witnesses of your love by the kind of lives we lead and the work we do in your name.

We pray that your kingdom will grow here in the Diocese of Exeter and that our church communities will be a beacon of your love.

We pray for the work of the church in every country, especially where Christian witness brings danger and persecution. We pray that the Spirit of Christ may nurture life and hope in the world's darkest places.

*Lord in your mercy/Hear our prayer*

Father, we pray for all the troubled parts of our world remembering Afghanistan, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sudan, Syria and the Yemen. We give thanks for all who work to bring peace and harmony in those countries. We pray that all nations will have people of courage to fight against evil and corruption. Lord guide all political leaders in our world so that they will nurture what is good in an atmosphere of respect and consideration for others. We pray for our politicians as they try to resolve the major issues facing our country at this time.

We pray for all those elected on Thursday to serve their communities at National, County and local level.

*Lord in your mercy/Hear our prayer*

Father, we remember before you all who are homeless, all who have been made refugees through war and oppression.

We pray for those who live rough and who sleep out in our towns and cities. We pray for all those facing the loss of their employment as the country takes steps to return to normal after the pandemic.

We remember also all those who have insufficient income and have to rely on food banks to feed themselves and their families. We give thanks for all who work tirelessly in food banks and soup kitchens.

*Lord in your mercy/Hear our prayer*

We pray for all who have been affected by the Corona virus. Give courage to those whose relatives and loved ones are in intensive care.

We pray for friends and loved ones who are ill, remembering those listed on our pew sheet.

We pray for the long term sick, those suffering from depression and those at this time going through a rough dark passage in their lives. Father we pray for all who face a difficult week ahead, the scorned and the rejected, those who face injustice.

In a moment of silence we pray for those known personally to us who need our prayers and for those listed on our pew sheet.

Heavenly Father support them in their troubles, bring healing and reassurance and touch them with the gentleness of your peace.

We pray and give thanks for all who care for the sick and needy.

*Lord in your mercy/Hear our prayer*

We give thanks for all who have come to their journey's end on earth; may they find rest and peace and life with you.

We pray for all who mourn their loss and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time and ask that you be with them in their sadness .

*Lord in your mercy/Hear our prayer*

Father, we give thanks for our homes and places of security, where we find love, rest and refreshment.

We pray for your guidance, in our journey through life for ourselves; our families and our loved ones.

Father we thank you for the good things with which you have filled our lives . For all the things that make us excited; for all the different things we can see and hear, taste and touch.

We thank you for all those who have told us about the love of your son and for those who by their lives have made him real to us.

Father help us to identify any prejudices we may have, so that we may address them in order to truly obey your commandment to love one another as you have loved us.

*Merciful Father, accepted these prayers*

*For the sake of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ*