

All Saints Prayers - Sunday 14 February 2021

Heavenly Father,

On this day, Valentine's Day, which is devoted to love, we thank you that you are love. We thank you that you love us as your children. We thank you that you loved us so much you sent your son to save us from our sins. Greater love has no man than this; that a man lays down his life for his friends. Help us to love one another. We pray that we will not only show love to our friends, but also to our enemies. Help us to show love to the poor and needy in our community, to those who are sick and dying and to those who do not know you. We pray for those who do not have anyone in their lives who shows them love, and pray that they will come to know your deepest love.

Lord we pray for our world. As another earthquake is experienced in Fukushima, we pray for the authorities there who are trying to ensure the safety of the people and for those who have been evacuated from their homes. Lord, we pray for the political situation in Russia. We pray that protestors would be able to speak their views peacefully. Lord, we continue to pray for the people of South Africa, as they fight the new variant of COVID. We pray for their health services, that they would be able to cope with the sick.

Lord, we pray for our country. As the target for vaccinating the first four priority groups is reached, we thank you for all who have worked towards this target; those who developed the vaccine, those who manufactured it, those who have delivered it to many vaccination centres and those who have given the vaccine to people who need it. We pray for those who are currently in hospital with COVID and those who care for them.

Lord, we pray for our government as they make decisions. We pray that lockdown measures would be ended soon and that people and families would be able to meet one another again. We pray for businesses which are under threat and for all who have lost their jobs or whose jobs are under threat.

Lord, we pray for our community. We pray that all in East Budleigh would know a Christian and that that person would have the confidence to share their experience of your saving love. We thank you for the mutual support our communities give to one another.

Lord we pray for our church. We thank you that we are able to keep meeting together and pray for those who currently feel unable to attend. We pray for Martin as he leads our church and for all who support him and give freely of their time for this church.

Lord, we pray for all those who are sick or in need at this time. We give thanks for the lives of those we love who have departed from us. Lastly in a time of quiet we pray for ourselves and our needs over the coming week.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.