

Prayers for Sunday 12th May 2024

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Living God;

in this building used to the sound of singing
in this building which has seen baptisms and funerals
this building where people have come to be married or celebrate the birth of a child;
this building where people have wept, and been filled with joy;
this building where people have wrestled with the deep things of life,
have prayed urgently, been stirred and changed;
in this building where you have so often been with your people, be with us now.

Jesus, thank you for the gift of your life, the incredible love demonstrated through your death on the cross, the victory won through your resurrection from the tomb and the power released through your Ascension into Heaven and the sending of your spirit.

Lord in your Mercy, hear our prayers.

Dear God, our world is torn with war and violence
We pray that you provide the peace that is only found in you.
We pray for those who as a result of war and violence, the loss of lives and the devastation surrounding them, are able to get physical and mental healing.

Lord in your Mercy, hear our prayers.

We pray for all children and young people.
Those taking exams at this time wondering what the future holds for them.
Those who have taken the wrong path, those who are unloved, abused, starving, bullied, orphaned or afraid.
Guide them to get the help they need to enable them to move forward with their lives.
We give thanks for all the facilities we have here in our village for children and young people.
Our School, Nursery, Scouts, Beavers and Cubs.
The Sports field which organises Football, and Cricket Matches for all ages.

Lord in your Mercy, hear our prayers.

In a world whose web of life is intricate and beautiful, save us, Lord from carelessness and blindness.

In a world where creatures are so varied and vulnerable, save us, Lord from plundering and cruelty.

In a world whose waters are fresh and whose oceans should cleanse, save us, Lord, from wanton polluting.

In a world whose forests protect our air and wild-life, save us, Lord, from the systems that drive us to destroy them,

In a world those fruits are rich and plentiful, save us, Lord from waste and greed.

Lord in your Mercy, hear our prayers.

We pray for all those who are sick in mind and body.

In a moment of silence let us remember all those needing our healing prayers at this time

Surround them with your healing power and love.

Lord in your Mercy, hear our prayers.

Let us pray for all those who are grieving for the loss of loved ones.

Those taken through illness, those whose lives were lost as a result of accident or violence.

Surround them with love and give them strength.

Lord in your Mercy, hear our prayers.

Christ our Guide

Stay with us on our pilgrimage through life:

when we falter, encourage us,

when we stumble, steady us,

and when we have fallen, pick us up.

Help us to become, step by step, more truly ourselves,

and remind us that you have travelled this way before us.

Merciful father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.