

Prayers for Sunday 17th January - 2020 – and Following Week (Year B)

Lord Jesus, as you called the disciples, open our ears to your calling, open our hearts to your love that we may hear you and hearing you may love you, and loving you, may serve you.

God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks that through your Son, Jesus Christ, new life and light, forgiveness and grace, have pierced the darkness of the world.

We pray for his Church, especially each other here, and those who minister among us.

Send the Holy Spirit to unite us in worship, nourish us with truth, and strengthen us as witnesses of Christ in our daily lives.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who take authority: our Queen and government and the leaders of other nations ...

Enlighten the minds of those who lead, that their decisions may bring justice for the oppressed, peace for those at war, and the well-being of all.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who live and work in this neighbourhood, and all who serve its needs. Give us such love for you that we may offer our time and talents in the service of others and in building community life.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Lord of life, we pray for those who are suffering across this nation and across the world, from the deadly virus, from the grief of mourning, from the threat of lost work, and lives grinding to a halt, and with all that this means for the future. Lord we ask for your presence among us, keeping us together in heart and mind, encouraging us when things seem hard, reminding us that with you all things that seem out of reach, with you are possible. Lord you are our strength. In your love, save us, and all who are facing ill-health physically or mentally, disability or personal tragedy. Help them Lord and bring encouragement, and give grace to all who bring care and healing.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Lord, we thank you for all those who have been faithful disciples, who have listened to your call, laid their lives before you and now are serving you with the saints in glory. May we hold fast to faith in your everlasting love and your promise to be with us always. We remember with thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us with them, and with all the saints, a share in your eternal Kingdom.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Lord God, we thank you for calling us to your service. We pray that we will become faithful disciples, that we may seek to do your will, and that your church will spend time in listening to your word and sharing in the saving work that the Church is here to do.

Merciful Father, **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**