

CONNECTING WITH PRAYER

09/07/23

Prayer of the Day Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayer of the Week O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you, that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Paraphrase of the Prayer of the Week **God your goodness towards us is greater than we can comprehend. Enable us to put you in such a place in our lives that we can connect with all the wonderful things, beyond our imagining, that you have in store for us. Amen**

Prayers of the People Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Bountiful God, we thank you for this beautiful world and your message of hope. We pray for peace; for peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, and peace in the world.

Merciful God, we pray for those in need. We pray for healing for those who are sick, troubled or fearful. We pray for companionship for the lonely, comfort for the sorrowing and relief for those in pain. We pray for those experiencing natural and man-made disasters. May all know the blessings of your love.

Everlasting God, guide our heads, our hearts and our hands that we may keep your commandments to love you, to love our neighbours as ourselves and to work to your praise and glory. Provoke us into action us here at St David's to build a sustainable community where we show your love by our actions.

Father God, we thank you for our many blessings. We pray for our families, our friends and our community and especially for this parish, its clergy and people. Strengthen all working in your name to bring healing and comfort.

Merciful God, we praise you for all your servants whose lives have honoured Christ. Encourage us by their example, so that we may run with perseverance the race that lies before us and share with them the fullness of joy in your kingdom.

Loving God, mercifully accept our prayers for all your creation and gather us in the embrace of your abundant and life-giving Spirit.

Hear us, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives & reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now & for ever. **Amen**