

Intercessions for Lent 2 Sunday 25th February

Let us pray to God in faith, knowing he understands what is best for us.

Heavenly Father, we come to you with joy, for we are inheritors of the kingdom we share with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in your promises. We rejoice in your love and your salvation, as we have received from you, may we bring light and hope to others. We pray for lapsed Christians and for all who have never known you. Increase our faith, that everyone in your church may be more ready to trust you and move forward with you wherever you lead us.

God of hope and love

Hear us we pray

Lord you are the hope of the world. Let the nations of the world recognise their common humanity and cease from the hostility which causes dissention amongst nations. We pray for better relations between nations, for peace particularly in Russia, Ukraine and Africa and for the work of the United Nations in their programmes for peace. We give thanks for the life of Alexei Navalny who died as a consequence of his quest to challenge opinion in his country.

Give freedom from the consuming desire for material gain by many people and restore the joy of your salvation for all who have been drawn away from their spiritual path.

God of hope and love

Hear us we pray

Lord we pray for our families, remembering all parents with young children and young people, help them with their responsibility that they may provide for their families both material and spiritual needs. We give thanks for the successful surgery for Autumn and pray for her and her family during her continuing rehabilitation. We pray for all whom we love and all who love us. Give comfort and healing to those who are ill, peace to the anxious and reassurance to the afraid. We thank you for all who through good relationships have shown your love. We ask your blessing for Paul as he prepares to leave the Parish and for the nomination committee working to find our new parish priest.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer of the Week

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Paraphrase of the Prayer of the Week

God continue to see in us all the good you have placed there and not the consequences of our wrong actions. Help us to act in a way that is consistent with the ability to love that you have given us. **Amen**