

Prayers for 15th August 2021

Abba, Father, we, your children, come together in your presence, asking you to graciously hear our prayers. We know that all things are in your hands and trust that you will do what is right and best for us, according to your great plan, and in your own time.

We pray for the World.

Father God, we lift to you parts of the world devastated by climatic disasters at the moment. Especially today we pray for areas in the Mediterranean and Western USA destroyed by forest fires. We ask that resources are available for those fighting the fires, and for all whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed.

We pray for all areas of the world experiencing unusually hot, dry conditions and for the suffering and difficulty this causes.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Loving Lord, we pray for all around the world who live in fear, and we pray for refugees everywhere. Draw close, comfort, and protect them, we pray. May they find a place of safety, welcome and acceptance, and the opportunity to build a new life. Prosper and encourage the work of all those individuals, charities and professionals who seek to support these strangers make their home in a new land.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our community.

Lord God, traditionally this is our holiday time and so we pray for rest, relaxation, and refreshment. For the joy of exploring new places and new experiences at home or abroad. For the opportunity to rediscover leisure time activities and the time to reconnect with family and friends. We ask that you would bless us with your peace, renew and strengthen our relationships and protect our health and well-being as we travel.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Loving Father, we lift to you all those for whom the holidays bring more stress and anxiety. We pray for families who are struggling to cope. Lord, would you resource and encourage all those involved in offering friendship and support

especially the organisers and helpers at the Foodbank, Free Food Cafe and Make Lunch

We ask too for the love and comfort of your close presence, for those we know who are suffering the loss of a loved one, and for all for whom this time brings a greater sense of loneliness and isolation.

In a few moments of silence, we think of them and lift them to you.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

God of healing and love, we lift to you all those who are ill at the moment, in hospital or awaiting an operation or medical treatment. Surround them with your reassurance and love. We pray for the skill, knowledge and understanding of the medical staff treating them.

We pray too, for those nearing the end of their life here on Earth, asking that your loving arms would carry them gently to a new life with you. Surround all who love them with your peace and love.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lastly, we pray for ourselves.

Come deeper into our lives, Lord Jesus and fill us with your presence.

Help us to grow in faith and love, for you and for each other.

Strengthen us to meet the challenges of life in this uncertain world.

Inspire and encourage us to meet the needs of the world, our community and each other with action, with prayer and with love.

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

The Lord's Prayer.