

Intercessions for the Second Sunday after Easter 2020

Holy God, as we gather in fellowship and worship to hear your word, to sing your praise and to break bread in the presence of the Risen Christ, walk with us as individuals and as the Church of God on our Road to Emmaus. Open our eyes, as you did with Jesus' companions, to the reality and truth of the resurrection.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

We pray for our Rector Martin, for Mark, Jennifer, John, Scott, Gillian and George who preach the Gospel, bringing a light to those in darkness and words of love to those in need of comfort in this time of closed churches and congregations locked down in their home. Thank you for the hard work of all clergy who are using social media and the internet to keep us informed, inspired and comforted by online services, preaching and teaching.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God your son walked the roads and tracks of the Holy Land and taught us to seek your hand in the beauty and wonders of earth and sea and the sky. We so often see too much of the evidence of poor stewardship in our surroundings and it is easy to forget that the world belongs to you. Help us to recognise your presence in our modern world, and help us to use more wisely the resources of the earth.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Saviour, who walks with us on our life's journey. We pray for all who travel with us in our family, among our friends and within this community. We pray for a deepening awareness of our need for one another and of your image in the hearts of everyone we meet. We give thanks for the inspiration of Valerie as she celebrates her 90th birthday.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God, send your Son to walk with those we know who are going through a time of suffering and pain. Help us to always be aware of one another's needs and to respond accordingly and assist them with words and deeds on to the road of recovery.

Margaret Emmerson, Mike Frankton, John Horseman and Lesley Stevenson (Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, accompany those travelling, through the valley of death and may our love and prayers support those who walk that journey today.

Major R A J [Royce] Tyler and Hilary Clare

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God as we go from our worship today, out into your world, we thank you for walking alongside us wherever we travel and, if like those first disciples, we fail to be aware of you, forgive us for our human weakness and open our eyes to see you as a constant companion and friend.

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