

Prayers 20th July

Dear Lord, we thank you that we can come to you in prayer, and that you hear us when we pray. Help us to still ourselves so that we can hear you when you speak to us. Help us Lord to make time for you in our busy lives. So that we can read your word and become closer to you. We pray Lord that you will guide us in the direction you wish each one of us to go and that we will have the courage to do the things that you call us to do. We thank you for this opportunity to worship you, to realise your great love for us and to confess our sins to you. Please help us to live always in gratitude for your love and your patience with us.

Lord, in your mercy.....Hear our prayer

We pray Lord for our world, the world that you created. Yet we see so many instances where people are affected by natural disasters: floods, droughts and forest fire. Where many are struggling with conflict, poverty and the global food crisis. Lord, we ask for you to be in the centre of all the situations comforting those who are suffering, frightened or grieving. We pray for all governments and those in authority to work together to bring peace in areas of conflict and to work to find ways to protect the environment. We thank you Lord for all those who put themselves in danger to protect and help others.

Lord in your Mercy Hear our Prayer

As schools break up this week we thank you Lord for all those who work in schools Teachers, teaching assistants, kitchen staff, office staff. We pray that the summer will be a chance for them to rest, relax and recharge. We pray too for children over the summer that they are kept safe. We pray for those who may be anxious about exam results or changing school. Whilst many are looking forward to the long summer holiday we know that not all will find the school holidays a positive time we pray for those who may be worried about the cost of the school holidays and how they will have enough money to feed their families, we pray that they will know where to go to find the help that they need. We pray also for the children who will find the long holiday difficult with less structure and routine

Lord in your mercy hear our Prayer

We pray Lord for our church. We thank you that we can come and worship week by week. We thank you for the people you have called to lead us and who have listened to your calling and who faithfully lead us and teach us week by week. We thank you for all those who serve you in any way. We pray Lord that each one of us will serve you in some way using the talents that you have given us. In the coming year we ask you to help us to find opportunities to link with the school.

We pray especially today for Reverends Soba and Catherine as they both leave their ministries here in Berkshire and move into retirement. We pray for them and their families as they move away that they will quickly settle into their new homes and find a new community to

worship with. We know Lord that they will find new and different ways to serve you in this new phase of their lives. We thank you Lord for the teaching , encouragement and support we have received from them over the years. We thank you Lord for for all their service over the years

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

We remember in our prayers those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Grant them healing, comfort, and the knowledge of your presence. At this time we pray especially for Jeannie and Fred and anyone else we know who is ill. We pray for medical staff and carers who care for those in need

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We Pray for our community especially those living in ... we pray that they will know your presence in their lives

Finally, we pray for each other, for the person sitting next to us or behind or in front of us. We thank you that we can pray for each other with or without knowing any detail as you know everything about each one of us. So we pray for each other that we would each know your presence, your love and your strength in the week ahead and that we would be filled with your Holy Spirit enabling us to show your love and be of service to those we come into contact with this week.

Lord in your Mercy hear our prayer

We finish with the prayer you taught us ...