

Because we can't be in church together just now, I hoped you might join me in some prayers, just as we would in any Sunday Service.

Let us pray in the power of the Holy Spirit who guides and enables the people of God.

Father God, as we are unable to gather in your House today, we still come together as your Church to bring our prayers before you. We know that you will hear us as we pray from our hearts and we ask that as we spend these few moments in prayer you will be with us.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray today for our Queen, for the Duke of Edinburgh and especially for Prince Charles. We pray too for our Government as it tries to steer a path through the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father God, on this Palm Sunday we remember the adulation Christ received on his journey into Jerusalem, such adulation to turn, within days, to hatred and ridicule, leading to Christ's crucifixion. We acknowledge with shame and sorrow the sin, hatred and injustice which have led, and still lead, to violence and war. We pray for parts of the world where people now are starving displaced or terrorised because of man's inhumanity. We pray that Nations and people everywhere, beginning with us, may turn to you, the Christ, the resurrected Prince of Peace.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for and give you thanks for our community, our family and those around us with whom we share our daily lives. We pray for those in our parishes who are going through a particular time of grief, worry and anxiety; for those who are concerned about families they are unable to be with at this time; for those who have

contracted the Covid19 virus and who are self-isolating and for those who are desperately ill in hospital. We ask that your healing love will be with all those that we have prayed for and for those who we bring before you now, in a moment of quietness.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for all those who are working to keep us all safe during this unprecedented time. For the NHS staff and for the army of volunteers who will be caring for the most vulnerable; for Pharmacists; for those working hard to distribute food. We pray for those trying to manage in care homes with reduced resources. We bring before you Lord all who are doing what they can to help.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord, we remember that Jesus was tempted in his 40 days in the wilderness by the forces of evil but chose faithfulness and humility, resisting the easy path for the path of duty. Help us in the temptations we face to trust in His strength to overcome them. Live in us, we pray, so that in all our doings the light of your resurrection may shine through us. As we prepare for Easter, we pray that those all those who need you will be touched by your love, and that lives may be changed by the love of Jesus.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

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