

**Again today we share the presentation of our prayers to our Heavenly Father through a digital medium. In our intercessions this morning the response to the bidding, 'Lord in your mercy', is 'hear our prayer'.**

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

We pray for our Queen as she enters her 95th year. We are thankful for her lifetime of service and for her steadfast witness to the world as a follower of Christ. We ask you to bless her and assist her in her words of encouragement to all people.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of authority in this country and all nations as they grapple with the realities of the coronavirus pandemic. We pray that decisions which are made will be made wisely and on sound principles.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray today for those who, in this current lockdown situation, find themselves trapped in their homes with those who abuse them, physically or mentally. We pray for those children and adults who are isolated behind walls of fear.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick in body or mind. We pray that those who bear hidden wounds may feel your compassion and love. We pray that you will comfort the dying and console the grieving. We pray especially today for the families of Janice Stevens and Richard Rushton; for the Kent family and for the family of Roy Powell. We ask your special blessing on those who are unable, because of the current travel restrictions, to be at the funerals of those they mourn.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

As we often do in our intercessions in church, let us bring before God those that we know who need His healing love at this time.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, on this third Sunday of Easter, as we remember your death on Calvary and your resurrection and triumph over death, we pray for our church, our congregation. Breathe your resurrection Spirit into us. Renew us with your power. Unite us in mission and send us into the world with the message of your love.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We end our intercessions by saying together the Grace.

**May the Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and evermore, AMEN.**

**With every blessing  
Christine Armstrong**