

Intercessions for St. Margaret's Church, Dunham Massey  
Sixth Sunday after Trinity – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020



Good morning from Yorkshire. It is one of the wonders of the digital age that we can communicate with each other from wherever we are. We are able to offer our prayers to our Heavenly Father and we know that He will hear them, wherever we are.

So, then, let us pray:

The response to my bidding 'Lord hear us' is 'Lord graciously hear us'.

Our heavenly father, we come before you this morning with many things on our hearts and minds. We pray for our Queen, who has dutifully served our country for many years. We pray for the new Bishop of Chester, Mark Tanner, that his Ministry will further your work in this diocese.

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us.**

We thank you for the commitment of those who in this period of interregnum are leading, guiding, and teaching us. We pray for Sue, Jane, Geoff and Keith and the members of the Parochial Church Council that you will be with them in all their deliberations and decision making at this difficult time. We ask you to be with us as we work, steadily and safely, towards opening our church again for worship together.

Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us.**

We thank you this morning Lord Jesus for the multitude of quiet and gracious souls whose presence has purified and sanctified the world and brought love and joy to us. We pray especially this morning for the family and friends of Robert Eaves, whose funeral is to take place shortly. We pray that in their pain and grief they will hear the 'still small voice' which assures them that you are with them, and Robert.

In a moment of quietness we give thanks to God for those whom we have known and loved, who have passed from this earthly life into the fuller light of life with Christ.

Lord, hear us, **Lord graciously hear us.**

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We ask you, Heavenly Father, to open wide our minds, that we may receive your truth and understand your will; open wide our lives, that through prayer, we may experience your power in our daily living; open wide our hearts so that we may share our faith with others. Help us not to be tares which grow between the wheat but teach us each our role in the growth of your kingdom.

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us.**

Our final prayer is the 'prayer for today' used by the Children's Society, the Church of England's charity.

Almighty God, you have created such a beautiful world, fruitful and bountiful beyond our needs, and yet we sow it with the weeds of selfishness and greed and spoil it for one another. Strengthen those who strive for fairness and justice, care, and love, especially those who work for the wellbeing and flourishing of our children. Bless the Children's Society in all their work to end hunger, poverty and distress in families, especially as the school summer holidays approach; may they encourage and enable all our young people to be nurtured, cherished and fulfilled, in the love of Jesus Christ, Generous God, Our Lord. Amen.

Let us end our prayers 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 all, evermore, AMEN.**

Every blessing,  
Christine Armstrong