

Intercessions 11/06/2017

Our Father we bring to you your world, a dark and violent world at the moment. We bring before you all the violent attacks on innocent people. We ask you to be with all the people who have been injured in the three attacks in London and Manchester. Please may they know your presence and love as they are treated in hospital and as they try to get back to as near normal life as possible? Please be near those people who have lost loved ones? Please may they receive all the help and support that they need? We bring to you the many Egyptian Christians who were recently shot on a bus for refusing to give up their Christian faith when threatened. We bring you also all those people involved in the huge bomb in Kabul in Afghanistan and the attack on the Iranian parliament. Please be near those who were injured and may those who have lost their breadwinner not die of starvation? Father there is an evil wave of destruction and violence all over the world at the moment which is not at all from you. Please send your Holy Spirit to inspire people to be your agents as peace makers. Please help us to be peace makers in our community particularly with our Muslim neighbours. Please may we as your people learn to love those around us, even those who are different and may seem threatening and may our lives reflect the Prince of peace as we go around our everyday tasks.

Lord in your mercy

Lord we also bring you the unexpected results of the election during this week. We know that many people including those who are leading our country are perplexed about how to manage all the difficult and complex tasks that have to be done in the next few weeks and months.

Please may our politicians learn the lessons of this election. In all this busyness please may the weak, the vulnerable and the poor not be forgotten and give guidance to those who are reforming our relationship with Europe

Lord in your mercy

Lord thank you that we as your church are one of the few organisations which is primarily set up for the good of those who are not members. We thank you that we have the motivation to serve which comes from you, that you who were rich became poor and suffered death for us. Please help us to serve those around us with the same Spirit which moved you, those who are poor or who have problems and those who do not know Jesus. Please help those who are our pastors and guides in their tasks of bringing us near to you as disciples and committed servants. Help them to explain the scriptures to us, to lead us in regular Bible reading, prayer and worship as we daily and weekly recommit ourselves to you. Thank you for the loving and regular teaching, guidance and example given by Eric, Christopher, Paul, David and Suzette. May we follow their teaching and gradually become more like our Lord, Jesus Christ? Please bless them and give them joy and satisfaction as they see the results of their ministry?

Lord in your mercy

We pray now Lord for those who feel of little worth, who are lonely and low. We pray for those who have been bereaved, whose marriages are in trouble or broken. We pray for those young people who are still struggling with exams and find work really difficult. Please Lord give us the sensitivity to see who is in need of our love and care and to give it to them. We pray for those among us who are ill. Please lord give them healing, or if they are not going to get better be with them as they

come to the end of their life here. Reassure them that they will be with you. This week we particularly pray for:

We thank you to Lord for those who once worshipped with us and who still worship but on another shore and in a brighter light particularly this week we thank you for the life of Edna Bebington. Help us to be encouraged by their examples and to look forward to when we will be with them in your presence.

Merciful Father