

Intercessions 17/12/2017

Our god and father who loved us so much that you came to live with us we bring you the problems of our dark world.

We pray for all the forces of intolerance and division in the world, in our country, in America, in Europe, in the Middle East.

Lord please give to our world an ability to make not to break relations between people, communities and nations. And please make us part of the answer to this problem

We pray for the people starving in Yemen and hear in the back of our minds the scripture saying: If anyone has material possessions and sees a person in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? And yet we do little about it.

We pray for our lack of love as we pass the homeless and the poor people and return to our warm homes without a thought.

Our God you came down to this world in humility and at great cost. Please put your spirit in us so that we have the same love for people in need as you had when you saw our need and came to live with us. You were prepared to stoop so low that you were born as a helpless homeless powerless baby in a Bethlehem cow shed so nobody could say that they were too small and unimportant for God to notice them.

Lord in your mercy.....

We thank you Lord for this time of Christmas when we celebrate the start of our salvation. The entry into our world of Almighty God, seeking a new relationship with His people.

We thank you for all the joys of this time, the meeting with our friends, our families, the magic of having Christmas with our children and grandchildren and seeing the wonder in their eyes, and the sometimes-faint echoes within the noise and business of shopping and preparations of the momentous happenings at this time.

Please Lord help us to make sure that nobody in our church or community misses out on the party.

Please help us to be ready to tell the unbelieving world what Christmas means to us.

Lord in your mercy.....

Lord we thank you for all the hard work of our ministers, choirs, and all the people involved in the organisation of the services and celebrations. Help us to be aware that they get tired and please may they not be so overwhelmed that they cannot appreciate the joy of this time.

Lord in your mercy.....

We pray now Lord for the people in our community who are unwell weak and sad.

This time is often so difficult for people who are weak and ill when they see everybody around celebrating.

Today we pray particularly for :.....

We also pray in a moment of silence for those just known to us :....

Please Lord give them a special knowledge of your presence at this time and an assurance that the baby of Bethlehem is also the suffering saviour who knows and loves them.

We pray particularly for those who have been bereaved and are lonely. Please help us to be family to these people this Christmas.

Merciful Father.....

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