

Intercession prayers 28 January 2018

Prayer from book

Our God and Father

We pray that you will make us lights in our country and our community here in Biddenham

We have read of the report this week that a million older people are starving in their homes not because they are poor but because they are so lonely they cannot eat

We have read that the children in our country are unhappier than the children in any other European country

We know that the level of homelessness in our community is one of the very highest in in our country

Please Lord as we return to our comfortable homes this Sunday make us uncomfortable about these facts

Thank you Lord that we have started messy church in our parish to serve the young families in our community. Please Lord bless this work as a practical expression of the love of Jesus

Help us Lord to engage more with the loneliness and malnutrition of older people in our community

And help us also to work out what is our responsibility to people who have nowhere to live except a shop doorway in the middle of winter.

Lord we know that the start of evangelism and worship is to be your hands feet and heart in our wider community.

Lord in your mercy.....

Thank you Lord that in this parish we are thinking through what our faith is all about

Thank you for the many people from our church and from All Saints who are coming to the Alpha course each week

Please help us all as we think about what you have said about who Jesus is, what he did on the cross and what it really means to say that we have faith in Him as Saviour and Lord. Help us to understand what you are saying to us about this.

Thank you Lord that you give us the Holy Spirit so we understand what it means to be a Christian and to have Jesus as Lord, rather than church being something we don't truly understand

Please Lord help us to listen to what he says and to be obedient to what He asks of us

Thank you too Lord for what we are learning about the Life of a Christian in the Jesus life style course and for the opportunity to talk to you about the concerns of our parish in the parish prayer meeting

Please help us to grasp that as our friend and lord you hear us, teach us and answer our prayers

Lord in your mercy.....

We pray now Lord for those people in trouble in your world

Please be with my colleagues in Yemen and Egypt at times living in daily fear of their lives because of their faith in you.

We pray too for those who are in a time of trouble in our community and church community. We pray for the lonely, the sad and depressed, the confused, the ill. Today we especially pray for

Please may they know your presence with them and please may we be your hands feet and heart as we visit and comfort them

Lord in your mercy.....

Finally lord we thank you for all our pastors and the people who teach us and bring us closer to you as a person closer than a family member. Please bless those who minister to us. We pray for Eric, Christopher, Paul David and Suzette. Please give them a sense of you saying "Well done good and faithful servant" and please help us to lighten their load.

Merciful father.....