

Intercessions 8/4/18

By the prayers of Jesus

Lord teach us how to pray

By the gifts of Jesus

Lord teach us how to give

By the toils of Jesus

Lord teach us how to work

By the love of Jesus

Lord teach us how to love

By the cross of Jesus

Lord teach us how to live

Lord in your mercy.....

Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts

And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting

Lord please search us and help us to search ourselves

We know that as we see you more clearly in your holiness and perfection we see more clearly our inadequacy and sin

Despite during this time of Easter we have seen you as a loving God who reaches out to us who can forgive us and remake us because of what you did at the cross.

Help us to come in humility and to accept your forgiveness and new life

Help us to be thankful and to worship you from our hearts

Lord in your mercy.....

Please help us to reread in Philippians where it talks about you giving up the privileges of being God and becoming a servant

Please help us to think how you were prepared to stand in our place and take our penalty at the cross

We hear you say to us in the epistle of John “If anyone with earthly possessions sees his **brother in need**, but withholds his compassion from him, how can the love of God abide in him?”

Help us to hear your command to go into all the world to show your love and tell the gospel.

And then Lord, help us to quietly think through what it means that we have just called you Lord

Lord of what in our lives and what does that mean in practice?

Then Lord help us to do what it takes to make you Lord of all our lives

Lord in your mercy.....

Lord looking further afield we see with alarm the violence and disorder in our world

We cry to you for the endless wars in Yemen and Syria

We think of the terror, hunger and pain of the victims

This cannot be right Lord. Help us to find what we can do and please help us to do it

We think of the terrible evidence of abuse in the charitable organisations we depend on to carry aid from us. Please Lord show us whom we can trust to do this work

We think of the prospect of ultra-right parties gaining power in the countries around us, parties who want to ignore people with problems, whose whole aim is to protect a little corner of the world where they are comfortable.

Lord we pray that as Almighty God your will may be done in these elections, these wars and these problems of abuse.

Help us to be part of the answer to our prayers

Lord in your mercy.....

We also come to you as Almighty God on behalf of our brothers and sisters and friends who are unwell, chronically ill, depressed or in a bad place in their life.

Please Lord be with them with your healing power and please help us to bring them help, encouragement and the assurance of our love.

Today we continue to pray for.....

Merciful father.....