

**Prayers of the People**  
**Trinity Sunday, May 27, 2018**

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The bidding for our prayers is *Lord in your mercy* and the response is *Hear our prayer*.

*Let us pray*

On this Trinity Sunday we come before you Lord to offer our praise and adulation.

You are God the creator, giving us richly all things to enjoy. You are Christ the Saviour of the world, made flesh to free us from sin. You are the Spirit of truth and love, willing to dwell in us. You are holy and blessed, One god, Eternal Trinity.

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

Lord of the universe, we praise you for your creation. Keep us in mind of the world your love brings to life. Help us to cherish the environment, and grant that the resources of the earth may neither be hoarded by the selfish nor squandered by the foolish, but that all may share your gifts. Help us to foster healing and right dealings with Aboriginal and First Nations people. Show us the way to achieve peace in our country and our world.

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

Lord, we pray for your church throughout the world, for those that are thriving and those which have lost a sense of direction. We pray especially for the Anglican Church of Korea, the Most Rev. Onesimus Dongsin Park, Primate of the Anglican Church of Korea & Bishop of Busan.

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

We give thanks for our church and its people and gladly acknowledge all the gifts you have given us through its life. We ask you to open wide our hearts that we may welcome the stranger and share our faith with others;

- to open wide our minds that we may receive new truth and understand your will;

- to open wide our doors, that as we have come into worship so we may go out with you to the service of the world;
- to open wide our lives that through discipline and prayer we may experience your power in daily living.

We give special thanks today for the Altar Guild, Aveleigh Kyle, coordinator; and we pray for the following households: Marylil Megginson, Frank & Margaret Milne, David Minaker and Deborah Smith-Minaker and their families.

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

Lord you have chosen men and women to serve you in the ministry of your church and given them a perfect example in the person of your son: pour your blessings on your servants today, especially those in our diocese and of our own church: Michael, our Bishop; Colin, our Metropolitan; Fred, our Primate, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Don, our dean, who celebrates 25 years of service in ordained ministry, that by word and deed they may proclaim your saving love and so enable us all to grow in your image.

We pray for the parish of St. Thomas, the Venerable Bill Clarke, and their congregation and for Chalmers Church. We ask you to bless all who seek after God and a holy life of justice, peace, and love.

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

We remember all who bear the responsibility of leadership, for heads of state, ambassadors and political advisers; let your will for our world be accomplished through the decisions they make and give them a vision of peace and reconciliation, for you can find a way when men and women are lost.

Lord, we pray for peace in the world; create in us a love for peace -- not peace that is absent from struggle, nor peace that is blind to injustice, but peace that makes whole what now is broken. We remember those who struggle against injustice, for men and women who seek to establish love's supremacy in violent and oppressive societies, and for those whom war and famine have robbed of homes, families and friends. May they be filled with your strength and wisdom and grant that where the love of man has failed, your divine compassion may heal.

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

We remember this morning those who are sick, sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when facing adversity. We pray especially for Jeannie Oulton and family, the Very Reverend Sharon Murdoch, Patricia Hatt and family, Don Walton, Peter Tett, Katharine Anderson, Paul Lesser and family, for all those serving in the Canadian Forces, for those facing surgery and for those on our prayer chain list. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved.

Lord we pray for all whose life is saddened by the death of a loved one. Be with them in their loneliness and let them know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench.

We remember Anne Thomas as well as Richard Kitts and Arthur and Ruth Caswell, for whom the flowers at the high altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory.

**You turn our darkness into light; in your light shall we see light.**

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

May the blessing of the God of peace and justice be with us;

May the blessing of the Son who weeps the tears of the world's suffering be with us;

And may the blessing of the Spirit who inspires us to reconciliation and hope be with us from now into eternity.

Amen.

***Adapted from prayers at St. Mark's Church, Bedford, England***