**Prayers of the People**

This week’s prayer concerns

In the World Cycle of Prayer pray for the Church of England and The Most Rev’d and Right Honourable Justin Welby – Archbishop of Canterbury.

Within our Deanery Cycle of Prayer please pray for The Reverend Canon Mark Kinghan and the people of St. Paul’s in Uxbridge.

From our ongoing prayers for our parish family this week we pray for Bill and Loraine Ormesher, Geoff and Sue Palfrey, Anne and Rob Pare` and Gord and Sue Parkinson.

Let each of us remember before God the sick and those in need in our parish, including:

Catherine Midgley& Meghan, Christina Prkinson, David Ingraham, Eric Flowers, Jack Creber, Joyce Reddin, Kerry Umphrey. Lorna Carr, Matteo, Michael Ingram, Millie, Bill and Deb Eden, Pat Lada and anyone on your minds and hearts.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

*Below are a list of petitions we invite you all to pray, taking comfort from the knowledge that you are praying them with the rest of your parish family.*

We pray for the Church. Direct and guide us in following your will. Grant us clarity in the midst of confusion, and give us courage in the face of challenge. Give us eyes to see how we can be the church in the world even as we are not able to be your church gathered. Make us passionate to share the gospel in word and deed. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world you so deeply love. For wilderness places. For deserts and mountains, fruit trees and gardens. We give you heartfelt thanks for the arrival of Spring. May our hearts find delight and hope in all of the fresh signs of new life that are unfolding around us. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people affected by the Corona virus; the sick and their loved ones, the vulnerable and the afraid, for healthcare workers and researchers.

“God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to all who are suffering as they wait in uncertainty.

Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead.
Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God and we need you.
**Amen**.”

We pray for those in need. For those who lack meaningful employment or stable housing. For all who’s immediate financial situation is threatened by our need to act responsibly to reduce the spread of illness. We pray for those who live with addiction, mental illness, fear or loneliness. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray, loving God with thanks for your promise to be with us always, and not just until we die. Gather up into your arms those who have recently died and comfort all those whose memories make them aware of loss today. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of wilderness and water,
your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.
Guide us through this season,
that we may not avoid struggle,
but open ourselves to blessing,
through the cleansing depths of repentance
and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit**. Amen.**