

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
CONNEXIONAL LORD'S DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

L: The Lord be with you

R: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray for our country:

Eternal God bless our land and all its occupants. We are beset by many social, moral, political, and economic challenges. Grant true wisdom, guidance, and inspiration to all those who have been elected to serve, whether as Prime Minister, or Leader of the Opposition or member of Parliament. May all in national and local government represent the people with humility. Whatever our political affiliation, help us dear God to work together to rid Jamaica of crime and violence; to preserve the environment and to engender health and prosperity. God of mercy:

R: **We expect and receive the answer to our prayers**

L: Let us pray for all sorts and conditions of persons:

Merciful God we intercede for all who are sick and for those who are committed to controlling health and wellness. Give wisdom to all drivers on the road and alertness to all pedestrians. We bring before You the children and youth, especially those who are poor, needy, lonely, abused, trafficked, bereaved, unemployed and frustrated. Remember in your mercy the victims of injustice, violence, perpetual parental abuse, spousal abuse, and drug abuse. God of mercy:

R: **We expect and receive the answer to our prayers**

L: *Let us pray for educational institutions:*

God of wisdom and knowledge, we thank you for all our educational institutions. We are aware of the challenges faced by teachers and parents, given their new responsibilities occasioned by the delay in commencing the new academic year. Bless, protect, and guide all students and members of staff especially those who were looking forward to attending school for the first time or being enrolled in a new school. God of mercy:

R: **We expect and receive the answer to our prayers**

L: *Let us pray for the Church:*

Almighty God we pray for the Church of Jesus Christ, especially the MCCA. Strengthen and inspire our Connexional Officers. Give wisdom and encouragement to all our Bishops, Presbyters, Deacons, Local Preachers, Lay Pastors and Leaders as together we encourage others to become your disciples and to be faithful in their duties. Be gracious to all Ministers and their families especially those taking up new appointments at the beginning of this Connexional Year. Thanks for those who have laboured amongst us and are now serving in other mission fields or have retired from the active work. God of mercy:

R: **We expect and receive the answer to our prayers.**