

Prayers of Intercession Sunday, February 27, 2022

L: Let us pray together as if everything depended on God our Father, and pledge to work together as if everything depended on us.

The Church of Christ

L: Lord, we ask you to inspire our Church with glimpses of your glory. We know that these moments of dazzling clarity come unheralded and are as elusive as the kingfisher, darting through stillness, but we are thankful for their jewelled beauty and the encouragement and hope that they give us. We are a Church on a journey, and we ask you to sustain us as we discover new facets of your glory as you journey with us along the road.

R: **Lord, may your face shine upon us as you guide the nations upon earth: in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority

L: Great and wonderful Creator, you made the heavens and rejoiced in their light and beauty. You reveal yourself in every flower that opens and show us the first signs of spring. Let not our eyes be blind to you, nor let our hearts be dead, but teach us to praise you as the lark who offers its song at daybreak.

R: **Lord, may your face shine upon us as you guide the nations upon earth: in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

The local community

L: Ever-present God, teach us to see the face of Christ in everyone we meet. We thank you for the community of which we are part; for those who share with us in its activities, and for all who serve its interests. Help us, as we have the opportunity, to make our own contribution to the life of the whole and to learn to be good neighbours, that by love we may serve one another, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.

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Those who suffer

L: Mighty God, send the light of Christ into the darkness of those who are in need or distress today. Reassure those who suffer that nothing, no power in the sky above, or in the earth below, indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from your love, which will stay with us always as an ever-present help in times of trouble. We remember those in war torn areas of the world and pray for their relief, may your peace abound in their hearts.

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The communion of saints

L: Conquering Lord, we pray for all those whom we love and who now see you face to face and rejoice in the glory of your nearer presence. Lord, let your glory be about us that we may be changed from glory to glory.

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