

**Prayer Letter**

**18th June 2023**

* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all who are affected by the breakdown of family relationships, domestic abuse and divorce.*

***Lord of comfort and peace,***

*we pray for all who are struggling to escape from addiction, or from any form of physical, emotional or spiritual oppression.*

* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all who are lonely and for all who are struggling with infirmity or pain in body, mind or spirit. We bring before you in our prayers:*
* ***All those on our Prayer list, remembering Leah, Debbie, Stephen and Lisa, Ted, Alison, Norman and Jean, Anne and Ian, the Smith family and the Taylor family and all we know personally who are suffering at this time.***
* ***"The Lord bless you and keep you.***

***The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.***

***The Lord turn His face to you and give you His peace."***

**Numbers 6: 24-26**



**2nd Sunday after Trinity**



*One of the special prayers for this Sunday and the week:*

**Faithful Creator,**

**whose mercy never fails:**

**deepen our faithfulness to you**

**and to your living Word,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We pray for the world and its needs….

**Heavenly Father**, we bring to You the tragedy of the boat of refuges that capsized in the Mediterranean; for those who have lost loved ones, for those who have been injured and for those rescued. We pray for the rescue and recovery efforts.

* Lord, we pray for all those fleeing persecution as refugees or asylum seekers. We pray for protection against those who would take advantage of them in any way.
* We pray for those who provide places of welcome, safety, freedom and peace.

***Lord hear us as we pray,***

**For all those is positions of power** and leadership across our nation. For our King, Charles III, and for all those in Government. We pray for those who represent us in our town council and for our MP’s.

**For our emergency service workers**, guide them in their duties to act with integrity and courage. Keep them safe in situations of danger, as they work to keep us safe. **For all who volunteer** across our nation.

**For our Doctors, Nurses, Social Workers, Teachers** and other key workers and their families.

**For our nation in a time of financial hardship.**

**We pray for our community, Lord**, by Your Holy Spirit, revive this parish and inspire us to share the Gospel of love and hope to all in need.

**For all who live or work in our Parish and those who visit our Church :** May they come to know You and accept You, Jesus, into their lives, as Saviour and Lord.

***Lord, hear us as we pray,***

* For Ukraine and a lasting and just peace for that country and it’s people and an eventual reconciliation with Russia.
* For the peace talks in Yemen to end the war there, after years of civil war. Lord, may Your peace and love prevail.
* For the people of Myanmar and Sudan where there is such violence and war. Humankind at war with itself, we pray for all those fleeing the destruction of life and home.

***Lord, hear us as we pray,***

**For all our Church here at St Thomas’,** for our Vicar Dave, Alison and Josh and for Steve and Lisa, for their ministry in our Church and in India. Praying particularly for those affected by the train crash in India. For Revd David as he ministers to us here and for Alison, as our Church Treasurer.

We pray for our PCC that meets on Monday 19th June, for Nicola as she takes up the role of Church Warden.

For our Licensed Lay Ministers, Yvonne and Vicky and for all our Authorised Lay Minsters in Pastoral Care and Urban Outreach.

**ForThomas,**as he continues his placement with us.

**For all those who take responsibility in our church and all those who work in our church** – for teams active, such as, in worship leading, cleaning, gardening, hospitality, pastoral care, Starting Point (brew and a chat) and hall hire.

For the church here in Lancashire, we pray for Bishop Philip as the service of his installation at Blackburn Cathedral takes place on Saturday. **Lord God**, give him wisdom, vision and strength to lead Your people in this Diocese “in season and out of season…with great patience and careful instruction”(2 Timothy 4: 2)

**Lord Jesus,** we pray for the Church across the world:

We stand in the gap for our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted for their faith.

We are one body in You and we pray that, in their need, You will give them strength and courage and we look for the day when You will return and persecution and wars will cease.