

**8th October 2023**

**Prayer Letter**

* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all who are affected by the breakdown of family relationships, domestic abuse and divorce. Also, for those in addiction and those in mental or spiritual turmoil.*
* *we pray for all who are lonely and for all who are ill and those recovering from illness.* **We bring before you in our prayers:**
* ***Nicola, Irene, Leah, Debbie, Stephen and Lisa, Ted, Alison, Norman and Jean, Anne and Ian, Joe and Sue, and all who we know personally who are suffering at this time in body, mind or spirit.***
* ***"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**



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**He has anointed me to proclaim the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour. Luke 4:18-19**



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

For the leaders of Churches across our nation and here in Lancashire for our Bishops Philip and Jill.

For all the Clergy of our Church and their families**,** for our Vicar Dave, for LJ and for David in his Associated Ministry with us.

For Steve and Lisa, for their Ministry in our Church and in India.

For Nicola our Church Warden in all she does in her role.

For all in our worship group – For the time they give in practice and in leading us in praise and worship to You in music and song.

For our lay readers and those who have a ministry with the sick, the homeless and housebound and our Lay Ministers for Urban Mission.

For those who serve by providing refreshments in Church after services and at meetings and the many others who serve in many other important ways.

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

For all who those in the Ukrainian village of Hroza, in which so many people lost their lives and many more were seriously injured by the Russian ballistic missile attack against them.

**For the people of every nation severely affected by ongoing war:** *Ukraine, Russia, Myanmar, Yemen, Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Libya, Mali, Somalia, Sudan and South Sudan, Mozambique, Kurdistan, Israel, Palestine, Armenia and Azerbaijan*, and the many other nations and regions of our world affected by terrorism or drug wars.

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

For compassion for refugees, whose lives in their homelands have become intolerable and dangerous due to war, oppression famine and extreme poverty.

**For the safety of Christians in many parts of our world who are at risk of persecution, torture and death for their faith in You Lord Jesus.** We especially bring before You those in nations which are so dangerous for Christians at this time:

***Afghanistan***

***North Korea***

***Myanmar***

***Somalia***

***Libya***

***Pakistan***

***Eritrea***

***Sudan***

***Yemen***

***Iran***

***Nigeria***

***India***

***Jesus, may Your peace******and love prevail everywhere there is darkness and human suffering around our world. Keep those in danger safe.***

***Amen***

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

**For all those is positions of power** and leadership. For our King and for all those in Government. Also, for all who represent us elected political positions in our town and across our nation.

**For our emergency service workers and our nurses and doctors**, guide them in their duties to act with integrity, skill and courage in whatever situation they may face.

**For all who work in providing education** to children, young people and adults in our Schools, Colleges and Universities.

**For concerted action to identify and tackle the causes of knife crime** amongst young people across our nation, which is causing so much suffering and grief to those impacted by it so frequently.

**For all who work or volunteer in service to the poor, the hungry and the voiceless** – Especially at this time of financial difficulty for so many, for the work of Christians against Poverty.

