

**Prayer Letter**

**9th July 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 Irene, Leah, Debbie, Stephen and Lisa, Ted, Alison, Norman and Jean, Anne and Ian, and the Smith 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**



**5th Sunday after Trinity**



**For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures……..**

**1 Corinthians 15 v 3, 4**

***‘Blessed are the peacemakers,’ says the Lord,
‘for they will be called children of God.’***

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

**For all our Church here at St Thomas’,** for our Vicar Dave, Alison and Josh, for LJ who has come to us to serve as Curate – Lord, give her all that she needs through this ongoing training and in her ministry.

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

For David W as he serves in leading and preaching and Alison W serving as our Treasurer.

**ForThomas,**as he comes towards the end of his placement with us.

**For the Mission week of 16th – 23rd July** – Lord, through us, through the activities of alleyway renovation and litter picking, through conversations on the streets, through prayer walking, through the outreach at Spencer Court and through the work with the young people, may Jesus Christ be seen and heard and many come to faith in Him.

***In peace let us pray to the Lord.***

*We pray for the leaders of the nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.
Lord, in your mercy* ***hear our prayer.***

* 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.
* For Ukraine and a lasting and just peace for that country and its 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 God, make the frailty of our praise the dwelling place of Your glory, in the name of Jesus. Amen.***

*We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless,
that in all their trials they may know Your love and support.
Lord, in your mercy* ***hear our prayer.***

***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.

*Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,*

*to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.* ***Amen.***

For the church here in Lancashire, we pray for our Bishops Philip and Jill, praying for wisdom and discernment as they seek to lead Your people and build Your kingdom here. Lord, in Your mercy **hear our prayer**