

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

***We pray for all who are mourning the loss of a loved one.***

***Heavenly Father please bless our Bereavement ministry and the group that meets on Fridays in St Thomas’.***

* *We pray for all who are suffering the impact of the breakdown of family relationships, domestic abuse or divorce.*
* *We pray for those in addiction and those in financial, mental or spiritual turmoil.*
* *We pray for all who are lonely and for all who are ill and all who*
* *are recovering from illness, and all who are struggling with long term chronic conditions. We also pray for al who are care givers, including those who care for a relative or friend.*
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* **We bring before you in our prayers:**
* ***Anne and Ian, Leah, Dave, Debbie, Lisa Guest, John, Jenny, Alison, 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**

**Prayer Letter**

**February 2025**



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###  **Jesus Presented in the Temple**

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| There was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him whatthe custom of the Law required; Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: *“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss* *your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation,**which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:**a light for* *revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”***Luke 2: 25-32** |
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***Lord, hear us as we pray***

At this time of Change for the leadership of the Church of England, we pray for all Church leaders and Clergy across our nation. We pray especially for those who serve and worship in Churches across the Diocese of Liverpool at this time of difficulty for them.

For all the Clergy of our Church and their families**,** for our Vicar Dave, for LJ and for all who assist and support them in their Ministry.

For Steve and Lisa, for their Ministry here and in India.

For Nicola our Church Warden, our LLM’s and ALM’s and those who have a ministry with the sick, the homeless and housebound. For Marlis in her missionary work overseas. For Vicky in her placement at St Nicholas’ Fleetwood.

For our Worship Group and for all who serve You and our Church family in many other ways.

***Lord of comfort and peace***

We pray for all those around our troubled world who cannot escape the constant dangers of warfare. We especially pray that the current ceasefire in Gaza holds, and that the remaining hostages taken by Hamas return safely to their families in Israel and that people in Gaza can also rebuild their shattered lives after such a devasting war where so many have lost their lives, their homes and their loved ones.

We pray for the people of the United States in the continuing tumultuous political times for that nation. We also pray for all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones in the tragic mid-air collision over Washington DC.

We continue to pray for a just peace in the Russia – Ukraine War and after three years of conflict, that this year will bring meaningful negotiations that will result in a lasting and just peace for the people of Ukraine.

**Lord of Comfort and Peace**

***We pray for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ who face persecution in so many nations around our world.***

# These were the ten most dangerous nations for Christians, where persecution was at the highest levels last year (Open Doors’ Watch List 2025)

1. North Korea

2. Somalia

3. Yemen

4. Libya

5. Sudan

6. Eritrea

7. Nigeria

8. Pakistan

9. Iran

10. Afghanistan

Dear Father in Heaven

Your Son Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His resurrection He restores life and peace in all creation.

Comfort, we pray, all victims of intolerance and those oppressed by their fellow humans.

Remember in Your Kingdom those who have died.

Lead the oppressors towards compassion and give hope to the suffering.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

For all those who serve in our Emergency Services around our nation, including volunteers who give their time and expertise to rescue lives at sea in the RNLI and those who volunteer in mountain, cave and mine rescue services.

For all who serve in our Armed Forces and the Merchant Navy, who today are in or near conflict zones.

For all who volunteer across our nation in many different roles to help others in need or at risk from harm.

For all who volunteer or work abroad carrying out humanitarian work in places there is conflict or natural disaster.

We pray for the people of our town - Especially the people who live in poverty and those who are homeless.