

**3rd September 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 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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**Matthew 16: 21 - 28**

***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 our Church here at St Thomas’**,** for our Vicar Dave, Alison and Josh, for LJ our Curate and for David in his Associated Ministry with us.

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

For Nicola our Warden and for all she does in service to You in our Church and in our local community especially in this time of recovery from illness for her.

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 and housebound.

For those who serve by providing refreshments in Church after services and at meetings.

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

For nations to work and implement sustainable solutions to restore and save our increasingly damaged planet and its natural resources to the one which you made so perfect for us to be stewards over.

For all who have been affected by the wild fires which have occurred over recent weeks around our world with such awful consequences for people, the environment and wildlife.

For all who affected by adverse weather, drought and floods

For all those who in desperation leave their homes to seek new lives elsewhere as refugees - because of the impact which industrially induced pollution and climate change is having on their traditional way of life and livelihoods.

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

For the leaders of all nations, that you will guide them in the ways of peace and reconciliation.

For Ukraine and all its people in the midst of an awful war waged against them.

For all refuges escaping the violence and suffering caused by war.

For those who are in pain and despair and those who have been bereaved following the residential building fire in South Africa which has resulted in so many deaths and serious injury.

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 pray for those in the 10 most dangerous nations for Christians: ***Myanmar, Iran, Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan, Eritrea, Yemen, Iran, Nigeria, and India.***

Lord, may Your peace and love prevail everywhere there is conflict and human suffering around our world.

***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 in our town councils and in Parliament.

**For our emergency service workers**, guide them in their duties to act with integrity and courage in whatever situation they may face. **We thank you for the life of Nottinghamshire Police Sergeant, Graham Saville** who tragically lost his life whilst saving a distressed person on an Inter City railway line at Newark. We pray for Graham’s family friends and colleagues in their grief and shock.

**For all who work in our Schools and Colleges** and for the children and young people returning to schools and colleges after the summer break.

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