

## **Sunday 15 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **Prayers written by Sue Lyne**

Lord Jesus we acknowledge you as the Light of the World:

May we quieten our hearts before God our Father and pray together for the needs of the church and the world.

Lord we thank you for all those whom the Spirit has inspired to work to spread the Word of God, to bring light to the world in its darkest places.

We pray for all whom proclaim your word, challenging people to live justly, encouraging them to seek true, lasting peace, knowing that you are with them.

For those who risk their lives to ensure that your Word is known no matter what the consequences so that all may have the opportunity to know your saving grace.

Lord there is so much conflict in the world; conflict in families, leading to deep wounds and unhappiness, conflict in countries, between races, classes, religions, leading to suspicion, violence and fear; conflict between nations, broken relations, skirmishes, wars, leading to great suffering and pain. We pray for peace Lord and wisdom to those in authority that they may bring an end to such conflict, especially at this time we pray for Ukraine and all those displaced and scattered around the world.

We pray for our community here in Tiptree and all churches in our benefice. Our vision is to bring your word to all, may they be willing to listen, may they know your love when they feel alone, may they find happiness in their darkest hour knowing you are there, and may they find contentment and peace in your love for them. We ask for your guidance from the Holy Spirit to come among us, to guide us in our words to others and for us to listen, knowing that you speak to us. Give us wisdom in all circumstances to enable us to spread your love to all whom we met.

Lord, we ask for your blessing on all those who are suffering through ill health, for those who are tormented or unhappy. Give them the peace that comes from knowing you are with them every minute of the day, help us to help them, to be willing to support them in whatever their needs may be. Let us bring to mind all those known to us and those on our prayer list who ask for healing prayer. Jan Banks, Ken Cathcart, Dorothy Lawrence, Hazel Chapman, John Leaworthy, Ellen Vigar and Christine Eaton.

We are but on this earth for a short time and we pray especially for those who are now with you in your loving arms: Margaret Milton, Kit Gray, Jean Chambers and Peter Gill.

From our memorial book we remember those whom you have called and have given peace and rest to: Sylvia Chislett, Klaus Groninger and Sarah Ewins.  
Lord help us to trust in you, in your presence and in your power. To read your truth in the Word that has been given to us. Help us to understand your message and to portray your ways in all that we do so that each of us may live a life worthy of our calling, growing up into Jesus Christ.  
We ask all this and our own silent prayers in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.