

Sunday 31 May – Trinity Sunday

Prayers written by Yvonne Toms

Let us pray for the church and for the world and let us thank God for his goodness.

To God the Father, who first loved us, and made us in His own image;
To God the Son who loved us, and washed away our Sins in his own Blood;
To God the Holy Spirit, who spreads the Love of God abroad in our hearts,
we raise our prayers this morning.

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love. Hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons in one God, now and forever

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

Father, we pray for the Churches in our benefice and thank you that we are part of the living Church – your body on earth - and we are never alone. We thank you for all the people who are part of our Church communities and pray that we may serve you in all we do. Plant seeds of joy and peace that love might grow and be shown as we live in grace with others. Help us to understand that “we can do no great things, only small things with great love.”

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

Father, we pray for all who work in Central Government and Local Government in our country. May they focus on service to the community and be committed to meeting the needs of all people especially the weakest and most vulnerable.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

Loving God, we pray for children and young people in our communities and especially today we bring before you those who will be ending terms at schools, colleges and universities this summer and starting new courses, changing schools or entering training or employment - that they will build on the past and will be open to the future, guided by your Spirit and held in your love.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression; for joy where there is pain; that your love may bring peace to all your children. We pray for peace and healing in areas of conflict including in Ukraine, Africa and the Middle East. We pray for all who have lost loved ones, lost their homes and their jobs, lost communities, and health because of war. We bring before you all who are working with refugees and health agencies in war zones. Through prayer and through action may we all build bonds of peace and reconciliation.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

Gracious God, we raise before you all those who seek healing of body, mind or spirit asking that they will sense the touch of your loving hands and feel your peace and presence alongside them, each and every step of their journey towards healing and wholeness.

From our own community we pray for Jericho Hasieber, Sarah, David Richards, Andy and Jean and for all held in our hearts.

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit the giver of life.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

We pray for all those who mourn and for those who still miss the companionship and care of loved ones. We thank you for lives lived well and for love shared. Today we remember those we love who have passed away.

From our memorial book, we give thanks for the lives of George James Trout, Bessie Taylor, Elizabeth Cottee, Pearl Pudney and James Alan Quin .

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; God's grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

The Father is our hope. The Son is our refuge. The Holy Spirit is our protector. Glory to the Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever.

Merciful Father, Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen