

Sunday 8 March – Third Sunday of Lent

A prayer for Iran by Bishop Guli

Ever loving God,
who hears us in our anguish and distress
and longs for us to be free.
We pray for the people of Iran
and the wider Middle East,
at this time of fear and uncertainty.
Be near to those who are anxious;
bring comfort to all who are suffering.
Guide those with the power to make decisions,
and lead them in the ways of wisdom,
compassion and moderation:
that people of good will would seek
harmony and reconciliation.
Join us with our Christian brothers
and sisters in all places,
in praying for peace with justice,
through him who is the prince of peace,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace that comes from God alone,
for the unity of all peoples,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Church of Christ, for Guli our Bishop, for the ministry team and for
the person you are calling to join us as our new Team Rector, whoever it
may be and for the whole people of God,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the nations of the world, remembering in particular the Middle East and all leaders involved with that conflict,
for Charles our King and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this village of Tiptree,
for our neighbours and our friends,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us,
and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm,
for the widowed and orphans,
for the sick and suffering,
including Jericho Hasieber, Sarah, Sue Copsey, David Richards, Joanne Fearis and for all in any need,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed,
for the unemployed and the destitute,
for prisoners and captives,
and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the dying, for those who mourn the death of June Taylor, Joan Plester, Margaret Arrowsmith,
for the faithful whom we entrust to the Lord in hope,
as we look forward to the day when we share

the fullness of the resurrection, including from our memorial book
Sidney Rawlinson, Doreen Humphrey and Jean Weaver
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the communion of Luke and all the saints,
let us commend ourselves, and one another,
and all our life, to God. **Amen.**