

Prayers

Sunday 22 March

Lord God Almighty, we give thanks for the many blessings we receive. At this time of trial, help us to see the good things around us, help us to appreciate the small acts of kindness, help us to focus on what is most important. On this Mothering Sunday we pray for all who have loved and mothered us, for all who do that now, for all those we love and care for.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for your church throughout the world on this first Sunday when we cannot meet in person in communion with one another. Be in the midst of our pain Lord. Bless all of us who usually meet in fellowship at St Mary's, St Andrew's and Sele Farm Church. Bless all of us who normally meet in groups and cannot do so at the moment. We thank you for all who are doing their best, so that we can keep in touch and support one another. Guide our ministry team, our Bishops and Archdeacons as we navigate this difficult time.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord God Almighty, we praise you because in our need you are always there. Jesus came to us to show us that you share our suffering, and we thank you for always being ready to share our burdens. Those burdens are heavy for many of us. Burdens of anxiety, disappointment, frustration and ill health. We know those burdens are lighter when they are shared with each other and with you. Help us to let go of them.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for the sick, the dying and the recently deceased. We know that you are with all who suffer, may that give them strength and relief. We pray for all who care and those who mourn. You are a God of Trinity, a God of relationship, and so you know how hard it is for us to be alone. Bless all those who are cut off from friends and family, those who are unable to be with their sick and dying loved ones. Help us to play our part, however small, in the care of others and the alleviation of suffering.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord God Almighty,
God of springtime, of blossom and bud, of
birdsong and sunshine, of laughter and solitude,
of family and friendship. God of hope. We praise
you for all your good gifts to us.

**Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers,
For the sake for your son,
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen**