

Intercessions

on Sunday 7 September 2025

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

God of our past, reconcile our brokenness.

God of our future, renew our faith.

*God of the present moment, reach out and touch us,
and through us, the lives of all we meet.*

Almighty God, our heavenly father, you promised through your son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for those many parts of the world where there is war or disaster, man-made or natural,

especially for those affected in the continuing wars in the Ukraine and Middle East.

Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for all affected by the earthquake in Afghanistan. We give thanks especially for all the work that the charity TEARFUND does in these times of disaster.

Lord, in your mercy...

Bless and guide our King and Queen and other members of the royal family and we thank you for the loyal service they give across our community; give wisdom to our Government including Ministers taking on new responsibilities and all in authority, especially the leaders of the nations throughout the world, that they may work together for the good of all.

Direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace, that we may honour one another and seek the common good.

Lord, in your mercy...

Strengthen our Bishops and all your church, including Alan, Bill, Scott, Melanie, Geoff, Forbes, Kath, Nick, Maria and Adrian, the Churchwardens and pastoral care team, who serve our two churches; that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory to the world.

Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for musicians everywhere, for the gifts they bring and for the opportunity to develop talent and inspire others. We pray for our own choir here at St Andrew's and the Hertford Children's Choir restarting this week, under the leadership of Sam and Rachel Chaplin.

Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our town and all that it offers to residents and visitors through its businesses and shops, clubs and voluntary groups and all the good things it offers to residents.

Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for students preparing to go off to University and begin apprenticeships.

We pray for those suffering from stress, depression and anxiety with health problems, fear of losing their jobs and the mental and physical implications of not being able participate in their usual activities.

Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for those who are unwell, including:
Chris, Hazel, June, Yvonne, Phoebe, Lucy, Dino, Joy, Edward, Pauline, Georgina, Robert, Alexander, Judy, Paul, Judy, Valerie, Mick

...and for those who love and care for them.

Give them courage and hope in their troubles and
bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for those who have died, including the
Duchess of Kent and all the work she did behind the
scenes.

Also Christine Wilman and May Waddell

Hear us as we remember in Years' Mind those whose
anniversaries fall at this time:

Keith Nichol, Richard Thompson, Neil Cook, Sandra
Burling

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May we love one another and love our neighbours.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of
your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen