

Intercessions Easter 7

O God, we come to you today to see our lives more clearly, from your perspective. Widen our vision and give us hope, joy and peace.

We pray for the Church throughout the world during this time of worshipping at home. In this period of *Thy Kingdom Come*, our eleven days of prayer, may it be a time when all the different churches grow closer together in unity and prayer.

We pray for those that we reach out to in our foodbanks, shopping and phone calls and online services.

We pray for our local community and especially for our leaders and particularly today for our new Mayor, Councillor Bob Dearing. Bless our local council. We pray for good relationships; strong accountability; sound decisions; effective budgeting; and servant hearts for the good of our whole community.

As we move towards opening schools again we pray for all children and young people and teachers, and all who work in schools. Help them as they face the challenges of keeping safe and yet having a purposeful education.

We pray for people who find this time of isolation in their homes difficult and those who are frightened, send your love and peace into their hearts. We pray for those who are caring for us in our hospitals, care homes and all who are on the front line and those who are researching a vaccine.

We remember all those who are ill: William, Val, Kathleen, Lynne and David. Give them courage, hope and peace, and the knowledge that you are present with them.

Heavenly Father, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them.

God of Glory, we thank you that through the Ascension the way was opened for us to receive the Holy Spirit. Open our minds and hearts to see your greater vision in our world.

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

