



Intercessions for 15th Sunday after Trinity Sunday 20th September 2020

Let us come with openness to express our concerns for the Church and the world, to the God of compassion and gracious understanding.

Loving Father, whenever we start to get offended by your generosity or open-mindedness, give us the grace to repent and join your rejoicing. Guard the Church against self-righteousness and all rules and limits which you would not own but keep always before us the rule of love.

Loving Father increase in us love not only for the victims but for the perpetrators of evil and violence in our world; for all governments which run on corruption and fear. We pray for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles.

Loving Father, may our closeness to family and friends make us never exclusive, shutting others out, but always inclusive, welcoming others in. Encourage us in outgoing hospitality and keep us from becoming possessive with those we love.

Loving Father, we pray for all offenders in prison, that on release they will not re-offend but find enough support to start a new life in the community. We pray for all who are vulnerable and unable to cope with the demands of life, for alcoholics, drug addicts and all who are sick in mind. We pray for proper, compassionate help for them.

Loving Father, we pray for those who have died alone, un-mourned and unnoticed. We pray for those who have committed suicide or died in accidents of their own making. We commend them to your merciful love. Loving Father, thank you for helping us to pray; deepen our loving so that as we pray through this week we may do it with your heart of compassion.

Lord of the church, **hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever. Amen.**