



All Saints Hertford

Intercessions Trinity 9, Sunday 9th August 2020

God of power and might, we look at the world you have created and we rejoice. We rejoice in the sunshine and storms of summer, the taste of berries freshly picked, the scent of roses and lavender, the feel of warm grass under our feet. Even amidst the fear of illness and the death of thousands, keep us attentive to the beauty around us, fashioned and illuminated by your love.

God of quiet and stillness, even after a busy day your Son, Jesus, went up the mountain to pray, to be near you. We too are close to you when we pray. We look at the way we live in this world and we weep. We weep for the continuing wars in Syria and the Yemen. We weep for the people of Beirut in the aftermath of the horrendous explosion in the docks, and through our tears we pray for your healing and restoration for those who are wounded, bereaved and afraid.

God of wind and storm, you bring peace and calm even in the midst of fear and desperation. When we are frightened and our faith is low, you do not leave us on our own. And so we remember those in need in homes, hospitals and hospices and those who care for them. Strengthen them and comfort them with your loving presence. May those in isolation be aware that they are remembered, prayed for and loved.

God of love and compassion, we pray for those in our congregation who are unwell: Wendell Newbold, William Murche, Debbie Hodgson, Charlotte Lay and any known to us personally.

Lord God we pray for all who have died recently through wars, disasters, and the Covid-19 pandemic. We remember any known to us whose anniversaries fall at this time. Lord, you hold us through the darkness of death and grief; bring to fulfilment the promise of your glory.

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