

Intercessions for Sunday 28th July 2024

Whenever we cry in need, you hear our cry, and you fill our empty hands and hearts with more blessings than we could imagine. Give us faith to see where you would answer our prayers today and also the vision that is wide enough to look in the unlikeliest of places.

By your Holy Spirit, grasp hold of our church in these days, that we may speak and act with the wisdom we find in you. In the driest of wilderness places and in the most threatening of storms – bring your nourishment and bring your peace through us.

We pray for all those nations of the world soon to be gathering for the Olympic Games. May there be safety and unity between all who are taking part, and may opportunities be taken to build stronger relationships where these have been stretched.

We pray for our local community. For all those enjoying a time of holiday. For those living in Cissbury Gardens and Hollingbury Gardens. For all who serve us through the emergency services, especially where resources are scarce.

We pray for all who suffer that they may be 'filled with all the fullness of God'.

We pray for all who have difficult journeys to make, that they may know themselves to be navigated by Christ and 'reach the land to which they were going' and for ourselves we ask that we may know 'the breadth and length and height and depth' of Christ's love as we recognise our own need for healing too.

We pray for those who have inherited the full promise of your glory O Lord and rest with you in the eternal life.

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

Amen.