

## **INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 1<sup>st</sup> in Lent**

We offer our prayers to God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Lord Jesus, you were not spared temptation and harsh decisions, and you did not run away from difficult situations. May knowing this strengthen us when we are tempted to take short cuts to avoid pain or struggle. Teach us to recognise evil in all its forms and to be on our guard against it. Help us when we are tempted and grant us the strength to withstand evil. Keep us firm in times of trial knowing that your support and love are always close at hand.

Lord in your mercy .....**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray that peacemakers may bring together those whose enmity threatens the entire world. We pray especially for the conflicts in Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, and Myanmar and for all those who have lost their sense of identity: the refugees, the homeless, the unemployed and the bereaved.

Grant wisdom and compassion to those who exercise power in politics, business and industry and to everyone whose influence affects the lives of others.

Lord in your mercy.....**hear our prayer.**

We pray for King Charles and the Royal Family and all who work in our national and local government and public services.

Bless your holy Church throughout the world and all the clergy especially Martin, Will and Ruth our bishops. In our Chichester diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember the Anglican Church of Canada and the Administration Team.

Lord in your mercy..... **hear our prayer.**

We ask for your continued blessing on our church family here at All Saints and St Peter's churches. We pray for Fr Andrew as he recuperates and remember Alison and all the retired clergy who assist here. We remember everyone in our parish community and the missions and charities we support. Bless our relationships with one another, may we always be caring, supportive and constructive in what we say and do and share the duties and rotas willingly. We pray today for everyone who lives in Chute Avenue and Ashfold Close.

Lord in your mercy.....**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose lives are affected by cancer or mental health issues and those who are housebound or sick at home, in hospital or a nursing home. Bless all who look after them and care for their well-being.

We remember all on our prayer board and in a moment of quiet we think of someone close to us. ....

Hear us when we remember those who have died recently especially:

and Dorothy Spencer, Gillian Cayley, Paul Brown and Donald Rose whose year's mind occur at this time. Grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Loving God, just as Jesus trusted your word and grew in confidence from his trials in the wilderness, may we be refreshed as we go through Lent. Remind us that we are safe and special to you.

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