

Intercessions for Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

### **Mothering Sunday**

On this Mothering Sunday, thank you dear Father, for all those who have cared for us throughout our lives. We thank you for bestowing upon them compassion, grace and love as a reflection of your image. We pray for new mothers, mothers who struggle to bring children up in uncertain times, mothers in war zones where safety and protection are not a constant. We pray for mothers who have lost children or couldn't look after their own. We pray for mothers who are struggling to raise their children in poverty. We pray for those who have lost mothers or care givers. We give thanks for those who have stepped up to take on the role of a mother: grandparents, fathers, friends, stepfamilies. We pray for families and communities who struggle to feel and share love that, on this day, they may be brought together. For the sacrifice and time that our care givers have given, for the memories they have shared and guidance they have provided. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother and be close to those who are despairing because they have no children

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

Heavenly Father we pray for all nations, that leaders are directed towards creating a society of justice and peace, where everyone is welcome and loved so that together we can create and protect a better world. On Mothering Sunday, we thank you for all women who have stood up for each other, for minorities that have been discriminated against and not had equal chances, opportunities or voice. Let us share their vision for a fairer world.

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

Lord Jesus, we pray for all those affected by war, violence and terror in our world. We think of our brothers and sisters across the world who live amongst turmoil and conflict and we pray for resolution in all war-torn countries throughout the world. We pray that world leaders can work together to protect the lives, livelihoods and homes of everyone. We pray for the armed forces and those who put themselves in danger to try and create a more just and peaceful world, we pray they will feel have a certainty of your Love surrounding them.

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

God of love, mother of us all, we give thanks for the church which nourishes us and enables us to grow. Like a mother you gather us to yourself enfolding us in your heavenly embrace. We give thanks for the Christian church throughout the world to working together so that love can be shared and celebrated in a struggling society. We give thanks for all ordained and lay workers across the diocese who support the work of our church. On this mothering Sunday we give thanks for the love we share within our Church family.

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

God of compassion, we pray for those who we know are ill, who are injured, are struggling to recover, those in care homes or requiring extra support and doctors, nurses, carers and other professionals. At an uncertain stressful time, we pray for all those struggling to see your light in a world full of darkness. We pray for love, friendships and communities to bond and support the lonely, lost, homeless and desolate on our doorstep. We pray that all those struggling with mental health will know that you will carry them when they fall. We pray for anyone we hold in our hearts that need Your love and care. Let us now share a moment of stillness to lift to you all those who we hold dear.

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

God of our brother Jesus, your love is the love of a mother who adores her children and forgives them everything, who is devoted to them and accepts them always. We are your children. We go wrong and you put us right. Now, fill our emptiness with your love, replace our brokenness with wholeness, and our weakness with your strength, that we might go out into the world and work for your greater glory.

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