

## 19APR26 intercessions based on 1 Peter 1:13-2:10

God of holiness, you call your people to prepare their minds for action and to live lives shaped by your grace. Strengthen your Church in every place, that we may not be conformed to what has gone before, but be made new in Christ, set apart in love, truth, and courage.

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

God of justice, you judge all people with impartiality and call us to live with reverent hearts. Guide those who hold authority in our world, that they may act with integrity, wisdom, and compassion, seeking not their own gain but the good of all.

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

God of life, you have given us new birth through your living and enduring word. We pray for our communities, our families, and our neighbours: where there is division, sow love; where there is harm, bring healing; where there is weariness, renew hope.

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

God who builds, you call us as living stones to be formed into a spiritual house. Bless this church and all who belong here, that we may be a place of welcome and mercy, offering lives that are acceptable to you, and bearing witness to your light.

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

God of mercy, once we were not a people, but now we are your people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. Draw near to those who feel forgotten, excluded, or alone, and gather them into your compassion and care.

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

God of eternity, your word endures when all else fades. We remember those who have died, and those who mourn them: hold them in your unfailing love, and bring us with them into your everlasting kingdom.

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

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