

## 27Apr26 Suggested Intercessions

Father to the whole family of the church, you call your people to be devoted — to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Shape your Church in our day to be a community of shared life and generous hearts. Where we are fragmented, draw us together; where we hold back, teach us to give; where we are distracted, gather us again around your Word and your table.

We pray for the life of the world you love: for those in need of daily bread, for those who live in fear, for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Raise up communities of care and justice; give wisdom to those in authority; and stir in us a willingness to share what we have.

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

Christ Jesus, Good Shepherd to us all, you are the gate for the sheep, the one through whom we find life in all its fullness. We pray for all who lead your Church: grant them integrity of voice, clarity of purpose, and a deep attentiveness to you. Guard your people from false voices and from all that would lead us away from your life. Give us grace to recognise your voice and to follow where you lead.

We pray for those whose lives feel diminished or threatened: the sick, the anxious, the grieving, and the weary. Speak your voice of life into their darkness, and lead them into safe pastures.

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

Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains us all, you call us to live as your people in the world, as those set apart not by withdrawal but by the shape of our lives. We pray for our communities, our workplaces, and our homes: that our conduct may be honourable, our words truthful, and our lives marked by compassion and humility. Where there is harm, lead us into repentance; where there is conflict, make us peacemakers; where there is suffering, make us steadfast in hope.

Gentle Spirit, you bind us together in one fellowship that stretches beyond what we can see. We remember before you those who have died, and we entrust them to your keeping. Keep us faithful in the way of Christ, until we share with all your saints in the fullness of the new creation.

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
**And the love of God**  
**And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit**  
**Be with us all evermore Amen**