

3May26 Suggested intercessions

God of witness, you call us not only to speak about what matters but to live in ways that make our convictions visible, even when that carries a cost. Strengthen your people everywhere, that we may give an account of the hope we hold with steadiness and respect, and remain committed to what is good when our integrity is tested.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of truth, you see clearly what serves the common good and what serves only ourselves. Guide all who hold authority: grant them wisdom, justice, and courage; help them resist pressure and corruption; and lead them to act for the sake of those who are most easily overlooked.

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

God of life, you do not leave people alone in hardship but meet them with strength and presence. We pray for our communities, our families, and our neighbours: for those who are anxious, those facing hostility, and those carrying hidden burdens. Where there is uncertainty, bring steadiness; where there is pain, bring endurance; where there is weariness, renew hope.

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

God of grace, you call us to live not by passing desires but by what is good, serving one another with the gifts we have received. Bless this community and all who belong here: make us welcoming, faithful in our commitments, and generous in our service, so that our life together reflects your goodness.

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

God of glory, you promise that those who endure hardship for doing what is right will also share in joy when your glory is revealed. Draw near to those who are rejected, maligned, or isolated for the sake of what is right, and to all who suffer for choosing the good. Rest your Spirit upon them and give them courage to continue.

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

God of eternity, you are the faithful Creator to whom we entrust our lives in life and in death. We remember those who have died and those who mourn them. Hold them in your steadfast love, and keep us faithful in doing good until we share in the fullness of your kingdom.

Merciful Father,

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