



## Intercessions

26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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#### Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.

**Amen.**



Intercessions for this Sunday received with thanks  
from Alex Goldsmith

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In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

We bring to you, our loving God and Father, all that we are today. We come with memories of the last week and our hopes and fears for the week to come. In the stillness, quieten our hearts and minds and take from us the strain and stress that weigh us down. Give us instead we pray, a sense of your compassionate presence and the beauty of your peace. *Lord, in your mercy...*

Everlasting God, today finds us at the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian unity; help us to listen to your voice still calling us to unity in our diversity. We pray for church leaders everywhere that they may work together and promote unity among Christians. Faithful God, as our Gospel shows us the preaching Christ, we pray for all who preach your word week by week in our Chaplaincy and in the world wide church. Inspire them in their ministry as the lead and grow us as disciples and as they reach out to those in need in our communities. *Lord, in your mercy...*

Creator, God of every land and nation you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus Christ. We pray for our troubled world, its peoples and their leaders. We pray for those caught up in war and violence, especially the innocent victims of evil and destructive acts of terrorism. May peace be found and good sense flourish that we may see injustice and wrong vanquished. Let your light Lord, shine in the darkest places of your Creation to enable all those suffering to have hope. *Lord, in your mercy...*

Holy God, although we are sometimes separated by language and culture from the people we live amongst, we long to see your will done here on earth as it is in heaven. We pray for our neighbours, not only with words, but day by day, moment by moment, in the things we do and the way we do them. *Lord, in your mercy...*

We pray for all amongst whom we live and work: for our neighbours and friends. We give thanks for times of joy and celebration when we mark birthdays, anniversaries and other significant milestones. Though we may celebrate without the physical presence of family and friends, we know of their love, support and joy. We give thanks for all who serve the community at this time of huge challenge. Make us more aware of each other's situation, and more eager to offer help. *Lord in your mercy...*

We give thanks to you Lord, for our parish here in Eccleshall. We give thanks for the ministry of our priests, Fr Phillip and Fr Steven and the service they give to this community. We also pray for all those whose service to this parish may go unnoticed, but without them we would suffer. Thank you, Father, for giving us each the skills and talents to enable your work in our community. *Lord, in your mercy...*

We pray for all those who are sick in mind, body or spirit. May you strengthen each and every one of them and give courage to those supporting them. Surround all the sick with your Fatherly love and healing touch. We especially pray for the sick who are known to us personally. *Lord, in your mercy...*

We pray for the souls of those who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection, especially those whom we love but see no longer. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen. *Lord, in your mercy...*

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

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