

St Saviour's Cathedral

Intercessions for Lent 4 2020

God of love, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now. The news is full of stories about coronavirus. People are panicked and afraid - be with them and help them to find peace. Be with those who are guiding our nation and all the nations of the world that they may make wise decisions shaping national policies and responses. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, we pray for our bishop Mark and Carol assisting them. Give them wisdom, compassion and resilience as they lead us, and for all the parishes and ministry units of our diocese that we may find strength and inspiration in our unity in Christ,. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, we pray for this Cathedral, mother church of the diocese, her clergy and people. In this time of uncertainty and distress, we grieve that we cannot come together to worship you as a community. Give us in this Cathedral parish and all throughout the diocese strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick and to assure the isolated of our love and your love. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Son of God, we pray for our community, for those who may lose their livelihood as a result of imposed restrictions; for those who may lose their lives or lose someone near and dear. You taught us to love our neighbour and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. Help us to support each other in any way we can. We are your people, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs, for as long as it takes, wherever you call us. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light. Give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God everlasting, we pray for those who mourn. We entrust to you every mother's child who has died and pray that all those departed will rest in peace and rise in glory. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.