

* ***Lord of comfort and peace we bring before you all who are struggling with infirmity or pain in body, mind or spirit;***

for Nora, Sarah, Jack, Leah, Debbie, Stephen, Richard, Norman and Jean, Anne and Ian and all who we know by name who are suffering at this time.

* ***Lord of comfort and peace, we ask that you be with all those who suffer pain and anguish in bereavement;***

we remember our friend Sue Waite.

We thank you, Lord, for Sue's life of service and her compassion and kindness towards others. We continue to pray for Sue's family and friends in their grief and loss.

**Amen**

***"The Lord bless you and keep you.***

***The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.***

***The Lord turn His face to you and give you His peace."***

**Numbers 6: 24-26**

**Prayer Letter**

23rd October 2022

Last Sunday after Trinity



* Two different men
* Two different prayers
* Two different attitudes
* Two different outcomes

(Jesus says)” For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 18 v 14b

***Lord hear us as we pray,***

for all Church leaders across our nation, and in our community. In our parish for our Vicar Dave and for the work of Alison through Ashar and those attending Starting Point on Monday afternoons.

for Steve and Lisa currently in India – God, give them all that they need and lead them to life-giving, hope-filled conversations with many.

for Matt and Rosie and everyone involved in helping in Matt's ministry.

forThomaswho has joined us on placement with the Blackpool Ministry Experience.

for our Worship group in all they do both in their preparation and practice and in leading us in worship and praise through their music and singing.

for those who give their time in service to make our church a welcoming and peaceful place for worship.

for all who attend our Church, that they may know your loving presence and accept You into their lives, knowing your love and forgiveness for each them.

***Lord hear us as we pray,***

**for the people of Ukraine and** **Russia** – that the futility and madness of the war raged on the people of Ukraine will come to an end without further loss of life, loss of home, loss of security, loss of all that people hold dear.

**for continued strength, unity and wisdom** amongst the leaders of nations, particularly those which are members of NATO, especially at this time to deter wider escalation of the war by Russian forces.

For solutions to be found to the many situations around our world where there are conflicts and risks of conflicts between nations. Especially at this time for the people of the Korean Peninsula, Japan and Taiwan.

**for the people of Somalia** and other nations across the Horn of Africa facing starvation due to the impact of two years of drought, and their predicament worsened further by the theft of cereal crops from their meagre harvest by Al Shabab militant forces terrorising them.

**for the millions of people in Pakistan** whose lives have been devasted by the severe flooding last month, especially those suffering from water borne diseases such as cholera and typhus which continue to threaten the lives of so many, particularly children.

**for the people of Iran** and those in other nations where they are oppressed by totalitarian regimes and dictators.

**for those affected by violence, injustice and oppression** for all persecuted for their faith. From the World Watch List 2022 issued by Open Doors, we pray for the 10 countries where persecution is worst – Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Yemen, Eritrea, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, India. Remembering that nearly 6,000 Christians were murdered for their faith last year.

**We pray for the millions of Christians around our world** who face arrest, imprisonment torture and even death, simply for proclaiming You as their Lord and Saviour.

***Lord hear us as we pray,***

**for all those is positions of power** and leadership in our country. We particularly pray in this time of change for our Government, asking You, O God, to raise up men and women of faith and integrity.

**for our Emergency Services**, Armed Forces and Frontline NHS and Social Workers. For all our fellow citizens who give their time as volunteers in service to help others in need or in distress, both in our nation and overseas.

**for all who are anxious and afraid** of the financial situations developing in our nation which will impact them or those close to them.