

* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all who are affected by the breakdown of family relationships, domestic abuse and divorce.*

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*we pray for all who are struggling to escape from addiction, or from any form of physical, emotional or spiritual oppression.*

* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all who are lonely and for all who are struggling with infirmity or pain in body, mind or spirit.*
* *We bring before you in our prayers:*
* ***Nicola, Sarah, Leah, Debbie, Stephen, Norman and Jean, Anne and Ian and all who we know personally who are suffering at this time.***
* ***"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**

**12th March 2023**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**God’s love for us**

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

**That there is no wider escalation of the tragedy already inflicted upon Ukraine** by the forces of The Russian Federation and its cohorts **– For peace and justice to prevail** to bring a lasting peace and time of rebuilding for Ukraine and freedom from tyranny for the people of Russia to enable reconciliation between themselves and the people of Ukraine.

**That the increasingly dangerous situation at the Nuclear Power Plant in Zaporizhzhia -** That Russia will comply with the United Nations experts to make the plant a neutral demilitarised area and to secure its long-term connection to the power grid to prevent widespread disaster.

**For all who are fleeing persecution and war** as refugees or asylum seekers - For their protection as they seek to escape and rebuild their shattered lives in places of welcome, safety and peace around our troubled world.

**For the people of Taiwan,** where military tensions continue to build - That there will be a lasting peaceful resolution and de-escalation of the situation and also throughout the international waters of the South China Sea and its islands.

**For those who have been injured** and for the loved ones of those killed in the attack on the people at a Jehovah Witness meeting in Hamburg – also the German emergency services who responded to the attack and assisted the injured and bereaved.

**For all who are persecuted because of their Christian faith,** especially at this time for Christians in China where the severe restrictions upon Christians to meet and worship have been further increased in the past week by the regime.

***Lord hear us as we pray,* for our Church leaders,** Including our Bishops Philip and Jill. In our parish, for our Vicar Dave, Alison and Josh and for Steve & Lisa, for their ministry in our Church and elsewhere, especially their ministry in India.

**For Matt** in all he has done and continues to do to enable children and families to learn to know more about you and your love for each of them.

**ForThomas,**as he continues his placement with us and elsewhere across Blackpool.

**For all who come into your loving presence at St Thomas’**, that they will be welcomed and come to trust and believe in your promises for each of us as the one true God, Ruler of Heaven and Earth and Redeemer of our sins and those of the world.

 ***“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life”* John 3:16**

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

**For all those is positions of power** and leadership across our nation

**For our emergency service workers**, guide them in their duties to act with integrity and courage. Keep them s

**For our Armed Forces** in their protection of our nation and in protecting the people of other nations in Europe and elsewhere alongside our allies.

**For all who give their time to volunteer in helping others**: including those in food banks, those who provide first aid services, those who provide pastoral care and support in Hospitals and for all Christians volunteering in remote or dangerous places in our nation and around our world.

**For our Doctors, Nurses, Social Workers, Teachers** and other key workers at these challenging times for themselves, their families and for our nation.

**For all who** continue to struggle with increases in the cost of living or increases in their mortgage, rent or business costs.

***” You are my hiding place;
You will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.”***

***Psalm 32:7***