

* ***Lord of comfort and peace, we ask that you be with all those who suffer pain and anguish in bereavement; and for all who are struggling with infirmity or pain in body, mind or spirit.***

For those in hospital and at home;
surround the frightened with Your tenderness;
give strength to those in pain;
hold the weak in Your arms of love, and give hope and patience
to those who are recovering.

***We bring before You now***: Audrey, Sarah, Jack, Leah, Debbie, Stephen, Norman and Jean, Anne and Ian and all who we know by name who are suffering at this time.

***Especially at this time we remember Sue Waite. We thank you Lord for Sue's life of service and her compassion and kindness towards others. We also pray for Sue's family and friends in their grief.***

Thank you, Jesus. **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**

*Sunday 25th September 2022*

**Prayer Letter**

**We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and** **Russia** - Especially at this time people in Russia who are bravely protesting against the war, despite the threat of arrest, imprisonment and immediate drafting into the Russian armed forces against their will. ***We pray that President Putin is soon removed from power in Russia*** *by a new leader committed to peace****,*** for the sake not only for peace in Ukraine but also for the entire world which is now threatened ; ***Lord****,* ***let Your will be done:* Amen**

**Almighty God,** from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceful wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; **Amen**

**We continue to pray for the people of Pakistan affected by the severe monsoon floods,** especially those, including many children, now suffering the effects of serious water and insect borne diseases such as malaria, cholera and dysentery.

**We pray for the people of Iran** as many people increasingly put themselves at risk by publicly standing up against the brutality of the authoritarian regime.

For people of the nations across Europe, threatened with a total cutting off of natural gas supply to them in the coming winter by the actions of Russia.

**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.

***Almighty God,***  wherever there is injustice and suffering caused by differences between people in our world, we pray for tolerance and an end to persecution by the powerful against the weak.

***Lord God hear me as we pray,***

We thank you that there is now direct face to face constructive communication between Union Leaders and Senior Government Ministers which may lead to fair and just settlements of the industrial disputes affecting our railways. **We also pray for the millions** facing large increases to their energy and food bills this coming winter, that they may remain financially secure, safe, warm and well nourished.

***Lord, God hear me as we pray,***

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

For Steve and Lisa in their mission with the poor in India and in our Parish.

For Matt and Rosie and everyone involved in helping in Matt's ministry with children and young people across our Parish. and those who have volunteered to help in upcoming work.

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.

For our PCC members as they meet this week to discuss matters around the future governance of our Church and its buildings.

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***Lord God, here me as we pray,***

For Charles, our King. We continue to pray for the family of our late Queen Elizabeth in their grief, especially for her children and grand children.

For all those is positions of power and leadership in every political party in Parliament and in local or devolved Government across the nations of the United Kingdom.

For our Emergency Services, Armed Forces and Frontline NHS and Social Workers. Also 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 the people of our town and for all who visit for leisure and recreation and those who travel to and from Blackpool for their work.