

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**Risen Lord:**

We raise up to You for all those affected by darkness within broken relationships, the abused and marginalized. We raise them up to your loving mercy, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Risen Lord:**

Lord God of mercy and love, from whose hand comes every good and right thing, we humbly pray that by your will, the mind and bodies of those whom you love may be set aright in good health, that they may reciprocate some fraction of the abundant love given to us, by you. Amen.

**Collects for 6th Sunday of Easter:**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of you Son: grant, that as by his death he recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ you Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your church to obey your command and the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**15** “If you love me, you will obey my commandments. **16** Then I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept because it does not see him or know him. But you know him because he resides with you and will be in you.

John 14: 15-17

**Prayer Letter**

**14th May 2023**



**John 13**: **34** “I give you a new commandment—to love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. **35** Everyone will know by this that you are my disciples—if you have love for one another.”

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

**For all our church leaders,** Reverend Dave and Alison and Josh as they suffer with Covid, our bishops Philip and Jill, and your archdeacons Mark and David.

**For Steve and Lisa,** as they guide them many lost peoples in Blackpool back to your love.

**For your other leaders,** your lay-ministers, Vicky and Yvonne, Nicola our new warden, those who lead and organise worship, and all those on the PCC.

**For Thomas** as he continues his placement here and elsewhere in Blackpool.

**And for those visiting the church for the first time,** that they may be made aware of your loving grace.

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

**For unity in your church,** that your ministers maintain discipline in following you with humility and love.

**That those in power and authority** are blessed by your wisdom and directed into the ways of truth.

**For emergency workers,** that they be protected against evil and made resolute in protecting your people.

**For the sick,** that they may know the comforting presence of your Holy Spirit within them.

**For all you disciples in Blackpool,** that they may be given strength and boldness to strike out against the evils of the world.

**Amen.**

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

**For your servant, Charles:**

King of kings, we offer up supplications for our king, Charles, that he may have confidence and courage to love and obey your Word, to uphold your commandments given justly and righteously to us, your people, and the strength to resist temptation and overcome resistance against your will for this nation and all nations of the Commonwealth. May your Holy Spirit be a guide and defence against all evil and perils set before him, through whose grace we pray. Amen.

**For we, your servants,** that we may guarded against all temptations to dishonour or betray your love, and that instead, we may honour and obey your Word through faith, hope and love in you, our heavenly Father, whose nature is always to exercise mercy and truth. We pray that by the same nature, our brothers and sisters in the condemnation of darkness, suffering from personal adversities, intolerance, or persecution may be protected by the love of your Son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**For those who do not serve,** that by observing and feeling the effects of your new covenant, fulfilled through the death of Son and empowered within us by the presence of your Holy Spirit, may be brought into new life with You, you Son, and your Holy spirit, blessed trinity. Amen.