

**Prayer Letter**

**6th November 2022**

**3rd Sunday before Advent**

* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all who are affected by the breakdown of family relationships, domestic abuse and divorce.*
* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all who are struggling with infirmity or pain in body, mind or spirit,* ***for Sarah, Jack, Leah, Debbie, Stephen, Richard, Norman and Jean, Anne and Ian and all who we know by name who are struggling at this time.***
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* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all those who are suffering pain, loneliness and anguish in bereavement.*

***"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**



**“He is not the God**

**of the dead, but of**

**the living, for to**

**Him, all are alive”**

 **Luke 20:38**

***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 lasting solutions to be found** to the many situations around our world where there are conflicts and risks of conflicts. Especially at this time for the people of the Korean Peninsula, Taiwan and Japan, and those fearful of further Russian military aggression across our own continent.

**for the people of Somalia** and other nations across the Horn of Africa suffering from the effects of drought and famine – especially the most vulnerable, the sick and the very young.

**for the people of Iran,** that their protests lead to a peacefulend to the totalitarian rule of their nation and an end to the violence against citizens by those in positions of power.

**for all those affected by natural disasters and accidents around our world**. Especially at this time for the friends and loved ones of those who lost their lives in the Seoul crowd surge and the Morbi bridge collapse in India.

**for all those working and volunteering to reduce atmospheric and oceanic pollution levels**, both of which are imminent threats to the sustainability of life on this wonderous planet which You provided to us to be stewards over.

**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.

**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.

**Amen**

***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.

forThomason his 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 those who might be at our Church for the first time, that they may know God’s loving presence and accept Him into their lives, knowing His love and forgiveness and that we may also be focussed on His unending love for us, in in all situations we face during our earthy lives.

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

**for all those is positions of power** and leadership in our country. We ask You, O God, to raise up men and women of faith and integrity in every democratic political party, to justly represent the people of our nation in parliament and in local and devolved government.

**for our Emergency Services**, Armed Forces and Frontline NHS and Social Workers and all who volunteer to help others in danger or in need of support.

**for all who are worried about** the situations which our nation faces, and the uncertainty which the events of recent months have brought about for so many people.