Intercessions Church at Home 31.01.21

The response to our intercessions this morning is, when I say, ‘Light of Christ’, please respond ‘**shine through our world.’** Light of Christ, **shine through our world**.

Christ, light of the world, we pray for our church, here in the diocese, and across the world. As we worship you in our homes, may we be guided by your Holy Spirit to glimpse your presence amongst us and with us. Help us to care for ourselves in this latest lockdown, knowing that we are part of your glorious creation, worthy of rest and love. We pray for all those who are finding isolation particularly difficult and hard, all those whose anxiety is making daily life hard and all of us who wait and long for the pandemic to subside.

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Christ, light of the world, we give you thanks for all the good that is being done in our communities, for the people who are giving their time and resources to ensure foodbanks and food hubs are well stocked and running safely, for those who are providing financial support to families to those who have lost their jobs or who are still looking for work, for those who are providing meals and shelter for all who are seeking a safe place to stay. Help us to keep campaigning and fighting for equality that comes with the eradication of poverty, that your kingdom may break through.

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Christ, light of the world, we pray for the energy to continue campaigning for our planet and the climate crisis, to act as the stewards of your creation that you have called us to be. Help us to refuse to go back to the normality we once knew, instead we pray for the courage and strength to demonstrate the love, mercy, peace and care for all your living creatures as we seek to find a better, gentler, more God-filled way of inhabiting your earth. We pray for our leaders across the world, that they may recognise and call out where we need to change and how. Refine our collective and individual efforts, so that all that is impure and corrupt may fall away. We pray for the ability to come together as a whole world, to understand our interconnectedness and be strengthened by the hope that change can come.

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Christ, light of the world, we pray for our siblings across the world, for those who are suffering the impact of climate change most, for those who are being exploited for cheap labour, for those who are living in or fleeing from wars and corruption. May all who are in a position of privilege remember to refuse to collude in unjust systems, and to advocate for those whose voices are unheard or silenced. We pause to remember those who have died because of unhealthy working conditions or a lack of resources, and for the medical staff who go on caring knowing that they cannot save everyone.

SILENCE

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**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**