

Intercessions 03.10.21

Why racism is a sin: Isaiah 56:3-8; Mathew 8:5-13

The response to **Lord of all nations** will be
Hear our prayer

To the Creator of all races and people, who loves each of us for our uniqueness, we offer our prayers of petition:

Lord, Jesus Christ
who reached across the ethnic boundaries between Samaritan, Roman and Jew, who offered fresh sight to the blind and freedom to captives,
help us to break down the barriers in our community,
enable us to see the reality of racism and bigotry,
and free us to challenge and uproot it from ourselves, our society and our world.

Lord of all nations
Hear our prayer

We pray for an end to discrimination in all its forms, that each person may be respected and valued as a child of God.

We pray that the Church may be a witness and a universal sign of unity among all peoples.

We pray for everyone here at St Michael's and especially John Castle, John White, Jane Craft, Emma, Catherine, Mike and Sarah. Give them wisdom and courage to guide us and help us to become united and grow in strength.

We pray for the course, Living in Love and Faith, starting in church on Tuesday. We pray that it will give everyone an opportunity to understand how you encourage us to reach out to all people with love.

Lord Jesus we pray for protection over our children and young people and pray that we can be true witnesses to them of your Love and gentleness. We thank you for the work of our Youth Team and Youth worker and pray that their continued work will go on to help many young people start out on their journey of faith in the world.

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Hear our prayer**

We pray for a spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation among people who share a history of mutual mistrust, hatred or aggression. That the victims of racial prejudice may forgive those who persecute them, and that their persecutors may have a change of heart.

We pray for the state of the world and for this country.

Lord we pray for Boris Johnson and his Government as they try to steer the country from one crisis to another.

We pray for those in our community of Sandhurst who need help and support. We pray that as a church we will reach out and help during these difficult times.

We thank you for the work of the Food Banks and specially the one in Crowthorne. Please guide us Lord to help where ever we see a need.

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Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. We pray that they will seek the support they need, and ask you to Give your power of healing to those who minister to *their* needs, that *they* may be strengthened in *their* weakness and have confidence in your loving care;

Lord God, whose son, Jesus Christ, understood people's fear and pain before they spoke of them, we pray for those who are sick or in hospital; 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.

Especially we remember.....

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We pray for all those who have died in the faith of Christ, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Especially we remember

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Be close to us, Lord God, for we long to live our life according to Your standards of gracious and generous love. Give us a forgiving heart towards others, a desire to do all we can to meet their needs, the courage always to discern what is right and true, and the strength to persevere through trouble so that peaceful solutions to human conflict may be found.

Merciful Father
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son
Our Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen**