Intercessions: 12 April 2020 Prayers by Barbara

Allelujah Allelujah Christ has risen.

How different this Easter is going to be from other years no Easter egg hunts or Easter lunches with extended families and friends. Churches closed for Easter, services being broadcast by Zoom we are in dark times but let us remember Mary and how she must have felt when she went to the tomb that Easter morn to find it open and Jesus gone what sadness must she have felt no anticipation of a happy day, then what joy she must have had of finding out that Jesus was alive. Her joy gives hope to the world that even when things are dark your resurrection brings light to the darkness. We look to your light in these dark times to see us through and bring hope as your resurrection brought light and hope to Mary.

Lord in Your Mercy

Hear our prayer

Thank you for the beautiful place that we live in, especially at this time of year. The lambs in the field and the shepherds who care for them and make sure that they are safe in the same way that you care for us and keep us safe in your love.

We pray for our farmers who keeping the food chain going, the lorry drivers who are delivering our food, the shop workers at this time of great need. We ask that you keep them safe in your love.

Let us pray for our community and surrounding villages special at this time we ask that you keep our friends and love ones safe.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Let us remember those that are not as fortunate as us, those that do not have a roof over their head or food to eat. More so now with the Covid-19 virus let those in power be aware of the decisions they are making and how they affect people at this very difficult time.

We pray for Boris Johnson who is ill in Hospital with Covid-19 may he make a speedy recover. We pray for the work that our government are doing and the governments of the world who are trying to find a cure may they all work together in peace and understanding.

Lord in your Mercy

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those that are sick and who are suffering from Covid-19 may you hold them in your arms and give them comfort. Strength those that are caring for them all in this great time of need NHS staff, Keyworkers and Care Workers.

Lord in your Mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord we ask you to be with all those who are grieving today and there are many who have lost a love one in these past few weeks, they have not been able to say goodbye or hold their love ones hand we pray that you hold them in your arms.

Lord, death could not hold you and because of your resurrection we too can live.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers** for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.