

**Let us pray to God, the giver of life in this world and in heaven.**

Blessed are you, Lord God. As the Jerusalem crowds proclaim the entry of your son Jesus Christ, you have opened the way to glory. Through Jesus we see and appreciate our world, and the people of the world with greater understanding and empathy.

Lord, as we put our faith in you thank you for easing our troubles and worries. Continue to teach us to live as you did and rejoice in your truth so that we may know the fullness of eternal life.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord, we bring to you the pain and anguish of those living in troubled parts of your world. We remember Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, Sudan, Haiti. Help us to restore a peaceful world, a world of love, compassion and respect, a world where your face is seen and respected and love shines in everyone's face.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We lift in prayer the Saffron Walden Team ministry. We ask your blessing over the recruitment of team vicars. We pray for our PCC, guide them as they make decisions to maintain an active church and preserve this building. We pray for the home team as they help us continue to worship without a vicar. We pray for everyone who contributes to keeping this church lively and relevant to everyone. We pray for Reverent Bren and all at the Baptist Church.

We pray for your Church around the world and those who preach the word, that with one voice the cry will be for peace, justice and reconciliation.

Help us to see your face in other people we meet. Let us hear your voice calling us to love our neighbour, and to reach out and take the hand of all in need.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We pray for all who live in distress; for those who are ill in hospital and care homes; for those who are living with chronic illness, those whose days and nights are full of pain. Lord, you know the depths of human suffering. Be with all who suffer, and take the dying by the hand, leading them gently to your kingdom.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

In this coming Holy Week, help us to be faithful. Help us to walk with you, not averting our eyes from the suffering around us but finding your love that is always present.

We give thanks on this Palm Sunday loving God, for Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. A heavenly King who would be a servant. Help us serve him by showing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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