

Almighty God our heavenly Father you promised through your son, Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. We ask your blessing on all who serve your church especially those who have given their whole lives to serve you and promote your word throughout the world. We pray for all those in the world who continue to work in hostile places often under extreme pressure from unsympathetic regimes. Those working in areas of man made war and areas of extreme drought. May they feel the power of prayers supporting them in all they do in your name.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our Diocese of Chelmsford and all who work at our local level, we pray for Bishops, Guli and Roger. For Nick who is with us today – we ask you to bless all who serve in the Saffron Walden Team. Strengthen them all in the service of Christ that those who confess your name may be united in your truth live together in your love and reveal your glory in the world

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Bless and guide Charles our King and all the royal family. We pray Lord at this time for those affected by scandal of the history of the Post Office – may those in power strive towards a fairer pathway forward for all concerned.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Give grace to our families and friends, and to all our neighbours that we may serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us, may we always remember that friends, family and neighbours re your children and to treat them as such. As it is only then through our love and witness that they may see through our love and witness that they may see through us. Help us to rise above all differences that we may have.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Comfort and heal all those we know who suffer in mind, body and spirit and in a moment of silence we name them before you. Remembering especially Judy Gardner, Peter Gerrard, Ray Hammond and Annette Bel. Through your holy spirit Lord may our prayers heal and restore and give them hope for the future.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, according to your promises grant us with them a share of your eternal kingdom.

In the words of the Nuns of Kylemore Abbey, Connemara County Galway

‘O Holy Spirit

Replace tension within us with sacred calm

Replace fear within us with a strong faith

Replace anger within us with the sweetness of your grace

Replace darkness within us with your gentle light

Replace coldness within us with a gentle warmth’.

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

Amen