Prayers for 5th July By Barbara

Open our eyes Lord that we may see the wonderful world that you have entrusted to us and help us to protect it for future generations.  
Open our arms Lord that we may embrace the world with all its opportunities and all its challenges special at this time of Covid-19.  
Open our minds Lord that we may know what you would have us do and that we may receive your love and let us be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for our Queen and especially at this unsettled time of the pandemic for all leaders in politics may they lead with honesty and integrity and work with each other. We pray for our scientists who are trying to find a cure for Covid-19, we pray for NHS which is celebrating its 72nd Anniversary who over the past few months have been stretched but have carried on showing compassion and have gone above the call of duty. We pray for business, education and Teachers who have been working to support some of our most venerable children, social services and for all keyworkers.

**Lord in your mercy**

We pray that that over the coming weeks now that lockdown is easing and churches can be open for private prayer, Services and small weddings. That we can meet to praise your name together.

We thank the team who made it possible for the church to reopen and who are keeping it safe for all of us to be able to worship and praise your name.

Lord in your mercy

As we approach the appointment of our new Team Rector will you be with us and guide us to make the right choice, may we listen to your voice. We pray for the candidates as they prepare for their interviews.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for people who have lost their jobs in the past few weeks, be with them. Send your love and guidance to them and the people who are supporting them through these hard times.

We pray for the people who are running foodbanks that have been much in need over the past few months and will be needed in the coming months.

**Lord in your mercy**

We pray for those who are old, lonely and who are sick and those who find it difficult to be accepted. Strengthen all that care for them, show us all what we can do to help those around us and teach us to be good neighbours and true friends.

Lord we ask you to be with all those who are grieving today over the loss of a loved one. In our village Robin Pickard who passed away this week, we pray for all the families that have lost a love one due to Covid-19 may your love be with their families.

Lord in Your Mercy

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

Merciful Father.