

Prayers of the People – 20 November 2022

Bidding: Jesus, rule our hearts and wills;

Response: Jesus, come into your kingdom.

Jesus, first-born of all creation, you are righteous and merciful and answer when we call on you: hear our prayers for the world and for the church.

We give you thanks and praise that through you and for you creation was made: we pray for the peoples of the world.

Remember, Jesus, those in positions of responsibility in every land; those who suffer poverty, starvation and disease; those who endure war, torture, imprisonment or exile from their homes.

For the peace of the world, Jesus, rule our hearts and wills;

Jesus, come into your kingdom.

We give you thanks and praise that through you we are rescued from the power of sin: we pray for your worldwide church.

Remember, Jesus, those who suffer persecution for their faith; we who worship and minister and serve in this parish; those who are teachers, pastors and priests to your people.

For the salvation of the world, Jesus, rule our hearts and wills;

Jesus, come into your kingdom.

We give you thanks and praise that in you the love of God is seen to dwell: we pray for this community.

Remember, Jesus, those on the fringes, the forgotten and the unwanted; those without work and those whose work is not valued; those struggling to understand change;

those whom we love, our families, our friends and ourselves.

For the reconciliation of the world, Jesus, rule our hearts and wills;

Jesus, come into your kingdom.

We give you thanks and praise that in you we see the compassionate heart of God: we pray for all who are in need.

Remember, Jesus, those in loneliness, grief or despair; those in sickness or pain, and all who are near to death; those who bring comfort, hope and care to others.

For the healing of your people, Jesus, rule our hearts and wills;

Jesus, come into your kingdom.

We give you thanks and praise that for us you have broken the bonds of death.
We remember all who have died in your love:
those whose lives have been faithful and true;
those who have not known or believed in you;
those from this parish and all whom we have loved.
Help us to follow in the footsteps of your saints, and,
when we fail you, forgive us. When the deep night of death is past and
morning dawns, may we be found with you and all your saints in your heavenly
kingdom.
Jesus, first-born from the dead, rule our hearts and wills';
Jesus, come into your kingdom.

Amen.

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