

Hinckley United Reformed Church

Prayers for week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

These were the Prayers of Intercession for Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

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On this third Sunday of Easter may we say again: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Knowing that the risen Christ is here among us, we give thanks and we pray to our Lord and Father who raised his Son from the dead; we pray in His name for the Church and for the world. Increase our faith Lord, dispersing any doubts and fears that hold us back from complete trust in you. Jesus, you called your first disciples saying, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men'. Fill us with the presence of your Holy Spirit so that we can be inspired and equipped to follow you and to serve you.

Living Lord, we pray for your blessing on every group of Christians worshipping today all over the world, in small gatherings and in large Cathedrals, in secret or in the open. Fill every heart with living hope; set our hearts ablaze with the love and blessings that you have given us, that we may walk as children in your light.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer

Living Lord, we pray for all the areas of your world which are torn apart by hatred and violence, famine, disease or religious differences; we pray for an end to war and a deeper commitment to peace. We pray especially today for the people of Ukraine, Gaza and Israel. The news of the escalation in the violence by Iran towards Israel last night has made the situation more serious. Break through the closed doors of human hearts with the joy of the risen Christ so that the desire for co-operation and peace may prevail over hatred, selfishness and greed.

Lord, in your mercy- Hear our Prayer

We pray for those we know who are suffering with ill health, bereavement, loneliness or other problems. We bring them before you Lord and ask that you will lay your healing hands on them and surround them with a sense of peace. We pray too for those in our wider community who are struggling with problems of all kinds. Help us to reach out to them with your love and with practical support where we can. We bring before you those who come to the groups that are held in our building. Please show us how we can bring Jesus to them in a real and relevant way.

We will now have a short time of silent prayer as we remember those we are concerned about before God.

Lord, in your mercy—Hear our Prayer