We are invited to bring our concerns to God.

We will use this response

Lord, hear us …… **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Gracious Lord, we thank you for your Church, for the faithful Christian leaders who teach the good news throughout the world. We thank you for all who minister to us in this parish, for Father Michael, Father Will, Father Paul and Dianne and for the retired clergy who support and assist them. We pray that each of us will make use of our individual talents to enable each church to flourish as a witness to the “One Body” of the church. Help us to appreciate each other and show us how we may each contribute to the life of the church to the glory of your name.

Lord, hear us …… **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Gracious Lord, we pray for all who work for peace and unity, and for all world leaders that they will continue to seek to end the suffering caused by war and violence, injustice and inequality, disease, prejudice, poverty and hopelessness, and bring healing to the world. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine; for those fighting terrorism in Afghanistan; for those suffering in Ethiopia. We continue to pray for those who are refugees seeking safety in another country, despite the dangers of the journey. We pray for the leaders in Europe especially, that agreement can be reached on how to cope with so many in a way that is fair and achievable, and that does not lead refugees and migrants into danger and exploitation. Lord Jesus – as a child you were a refugee and were kept safe in another country – help us to hold that example, as a solution to the current crisis is sought.

We pray for the hungry, the homeless and the destitute, and all who are in financial difficulty and are desperately worried as fuel prices continue to rise.

Lord, hear us …… **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Gracious Lord, we pray for the students who have recently received their GSCE and A level results, whose education has suffered as a result of the pandemic. We thank you for the teachers and support staff who helped them to achieve despite all the difficulties. Be with them and guide them on the next stage in their lives and support those whose results are not what they hoped for and whose futures are less certain.**

Lord, hear us …… **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Gracious Lord, we ask you to comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit and those who are finding life a struggle. We name before you all those with particular needs who have asked for our prayers: Grant, Florence, Nona, Joan, Pam, Peter, Rose, Jess, Lynn.

In a moment of silence, we bring before you others known to us……

Give them courage and hope in their troubles and show us how we might help.

Lord, hear us …… **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Gracious Lord, we remember those whose earthly life has ended; those who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. We remember Karen and Jane who have died recently. We call to mind family and friends whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We pray for those grieving for loved ones. Enfold them in your love so that they know that you are with them.

Lord, hear us …… **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Gracious Lord, we pray for ourselves. Let us feel your presence beside us in the week ahead. Give us hope when we feel rejected, strength when we feel weak, courage when we feel afraid, comfort when we feel alone, peace when we are in turmoil. Let us see what you see in everyone we meet and may they see you in us. May we entertain angels every day.

Lord, hear us …… **Lord, graciously hear us.**

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