

## **Intercessory Prayer [02-08-20]**

Heavenly Father we come to you this morning to offer you our praise and worship. We acknowledge that you are a great and mighty God awesome in power, wisdom and love. You are the creator of all things and you sustain all things by might and power. We worship you for the grace you have shown to each of us as you have revealed yourself to us.

When we consider your holiness, we are aware that we have fallen short of your laws and sinned against you. We repent of our sins and ask that we may know your forgiveness by the precious blood of our Jesus Christ. Help us we pray to walk more closely with you on the days that lay ahead.

We bring to you our cares and concerns for the world, our family and friends and your church.

We pray particularly for those affected by the Corona virus. We ask that you bring your peace and comfort to those who have lost loved ones to the virus. We pray that you will bring healing to those currently suffering from the virus. We remember those who are anxious about jobs, finance and their homes. We ask that provision is made to meet these needs and help us to play our part in answering this prayer. We ask that the government and those in authority make the right decisions at this time for the benefit of all. We know that this pandemic is worldwide, so we ask these prayers for all countries affected.

We so often hear from the media of the problems in this country. We read about violence, homelessness, health issues both physical and mental. There are many organisations seeking to alleviate the suffering caused. We think of doctors, nurses, Shelter, the Salvation army and others we may be aware of. We pray for your guidance to all of these.

We pray for Christian organisations worldwide, seeking to bring your love and message of salvation to people in Africa, Asia and many other countries in the world. Bless and prosper their work we pray.

We pray for Pinner Baptist Church and we thank you for Manoj and his family. We pray for your refreshing and renewing as they take a well-earned holiday this month. We pray for those who will be leading services in their absence and also remember the leadership team. Bless them we pray as they seek to lead the church as it reaches out into our community with the gospel.

We remember those known to us who are in need of your healing touch and pause for a moment to name them and their needs before you.

We bring all these prayers to you in Jesus name knowing you will answer according to your will and purposes.

Amen