

Intercessions for 22nd March 2020

Mothering Sunday

Father, for Mary, the Mother of Jesus and for all who seek to follow her example of motherhood, we give you thanks and praise.

Father, we pray for your Church throughout the world. We pray especially for Cherry, our Bishop as she leads our Diocese in these difficult times. Keep you Church faithful, loving and serving, so to be a source of hope, encouragement and support to all who need it.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Father we pray for the whole world as it suffers from the Corona virus. We pray too for those parts of the world that are still suffering from war and terror. Bless all carers and all peacemakers.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Thank you, Father, for our families, especially our mothers and for everyone who looks after us and loves us. We pray for those whose family life is difficult, where there is sadness and pain. And we give thanks for those who foster and adopt children and those who work to keep children safe from harm.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Compassionate Father, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation. In their anxiety, be their hope. In their darkness, be their light. Father, comfort and heal them, and restore them to strength and health.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for all those who have died, especially those who have died sudden, unexpected or violent deaths. We pray for those who have lost loved ones to the corona virus and for all who mourn.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

An ancient prayer from St. Alphonsus

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen