

**THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS.**  
**Prayers of Intercession for 18 September 2022**

**Celebrant:** In all humility and with confidence in God's goodness and love, let us bring all our needs and petitions to the Lord.

**The response is: Hear our prayer**

**1. For the repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth II:** On the eve of the funeral of our late Queen Elizabeth the Second, let us pray for the repose of her immortal soul. We give thanks for her long life, her dedication to duty, and her unfailing faith in the message of Jesus Christ and his church. May her trust in the Lord be an example to us all.

**Lord in your mercy . . .**

**2. For the Queen's family & King Charles:**

We pray for the Queen's family as they mourn, and especially for our new King, Charles, as he takes up his duties as sovereign. May God give him the strength to face the coming challenges with courage, steadfastness and love.

**Lord, in your mercy. . .**

**3. For the Government:** Let us pray also for our new Prime Minister and her government as they face the problems and difficulties that this country will have to deal with over the coming months and years. We ask that their decisions and actions will be firmly based in the Christian principals of justice and fairness for all, and that those in the most need will be prioritised.

**Lord, in your mercy . . .**

**4. For ourselves, our families, friends and parish:** We pray for ourselves, for our families and friends, for our parish and for our town and city. We remember those who have died recently, those who are sick and near to death, those who are suffering in any way, whether physically, mentally, or financially. May they receive the practical help they need and deserve, and find consolation and support in the presence of Christ.

**Lord, in your mercy . . .**

**5. For the world:** We pray for our world, and especially those areas suffering the worst of climate change, from the floods in Pakistan, drought in Africa, to forest fires in North America. May we all help where we can to aid those in need, and protect God's planet from future destruction. **Lord, in your mercy . . .**

**The Silence**

In a few moments of silence, let us add our own private prayers and petitions, and offer them to the Lord

We ask Mary our mother to intercede for us with her son: **Hail Mary . . .**

**Celebrant:** We offer our prayers to the Lord in the sure hope of his love and salvation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.