

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS.

Prayers of Intercession for Sunday 13.09.2020

Celebrant: Lord God, we know that you are full of compassion, slow to anger and rich in mercy. Confident in that knowledge, we come to you in our sinfulness, placing before you our needs and the needs of your broken world

Response: Hear our prayer

1. Loving Father, as restrictions continue, frustrations and resentments easily build up and spill out as anger, even against those we love and, especially, against those we believe to be acting selfishly or irresponsibly. Help us to be compassionate and forgiving like you.

Merciful and loving Father..

2. Lord, we all find it much easier to spot the splinter in someone else's eye. Open our eyes, so we can see, clearly, our own faults and failings. Help us to recognise the part we may have played in arguments, which have contributed to rifts in family or community.

Merciful and loving Father..

3. Father we pray for all whose lives have been devastated by droughts, floods and storms; help us to truly appreciate the part we all continue to play in causing widespread environmental damage.

Merciful and loving Father..

4. Lord Jesus, you forgave those who betrayed, mocked, and crucified you. Help us always to be willing to forgive others, even when deep wounds remain. We pray especially, for those affected by the death of a family member at the hands of the authorities or violent protestors. We ask that the calm, courageous voices of those who stand in peaceful protest and solidarity be heard above the cries of hate and revenge. May love, compassion and justice win over all who seek to create or preserve division.

Merciful and loving Father..

5. Let us for a moment pray silently for our individual needs and concerns.

Let us ask Mary, Queen of all Creation, to pray with us for our fragile and damaged world and communities, as we say **Hail Mary...**

Celebrant: Father, you know our deepest needs. In your mercy we ask that you hear all our prayers, however inadequate, which we trustingly make in Jesus name. AMEN