

## **Prayers of Intercession Sunday 9th May, 2021**

Once again Father God we come into your presence to remember the needs of your people all over the world. Gracious God, we thank you for your presence with us at all times and we ask for your blessing on us gathered here in Drumoak Durris as we pray for others

Particularly this past week the photos coming out of India have been very upsetting. We see hundreds of sick Covid patients being unable to get a great deal of help. The scenes from the hospitals and the distress of relatives in the areas has been very disturbing. We ask for your blessing on all who are in facing unbelievable suffering and hardship. Particularly we pray that vital supplies such as oxygen and ventilators can become more easily accessed. We do pray that some of the richer countries can assist in offering extra help. Bless the doctors, nurses and all who give care to those in need. The stress and strain Lord must be very waring and upsetting when everything looks so bleak. Surround them by your love and comfort all who are tired, frightened and in fear of their own live or the lives of their loved ones.

We give thanks for the beginning signs of getting back to some normality in our lives and ask you to help us continue to remember there are many in our own communities who are still suffering from the aftermath of lock down and continued illness. May they be able to find the help they need to rebuild their lives and find peace in knowing that help is available. We thank you for the continued drop in the number of cases. Help us to realise we have a responsibility. For. Others as well as ourselves b remembering to offer support, help and encouragement. Teach us to always be aware of all that is going on around us so we are then able to offer support. Give us the right thing to say or do at the right time and thus be able to make. It easier for those in need to accept our help and support.

We thank you that the children are now all back at school and ask for your blessing on them all and their families. Help the teachers to support them all but in particular any youngsters who may have extra needs. It is probably more important at present due to some children feeling a bit unsure of the situation.

At this time of year Father, we particularly remember Christian Aid week. Bless all who work for Christian Aid and the many causes it supports and develops. Let us give generously to their appeal this year as there are lots of countries are in need of extra help. It is amazing Lord how many people contribute to the work of Christian Aid and the many other Christian organisations throughout the world. Help us to remember to support them in prayer as they often tackle difficult situations made worse by the ongoing fighting and disease in many locations.

We also ask for your blessing and guidance in all the ongoing discussions and decisions around the future discussion of the structure of the Church of Scotland. Guide all who are participating in them and we pray that the way in which your Gospel is proclaimed to all be recognised as the most important issue.

All these our prayers we offer in the name of our Lord Jesus. Christ. Amen