

ST LAURENCE CHURCH, WINSLOW

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Intercessions for Sunday 29th March 2020

Dear Lord, at this time of global crisis we know that we must, even more than normal, lean upon you and place our trust in you. The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead shows that, in Jesus, nothing is impossible. No tragedy so final that we cannot recover from it. So in this awful time help us to see our blessings, for they are many. May we see the recent unseasonably sunny weather we've had as a sign that You are with us still, in these dark days, and that in the end all will be well

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for our leaders, faced with unprecedented challenges – where there is no roadmap. Father, strengthen them we pray and be their guide and counsellor in their fateful decisions

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We pray for all those who enable us to function in this emergency: for all health workers and those in the emergency services; for carers, for those who keep the lights on, the water flowing and communications functioning; for farmers, delivery drivers and shop workers. Bless them, and bless the many, many who have volunteered to help others. Guide and inspire the scientists around the world as they seek a cure for this virus.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Father, we pray for those who are sick, in particular those with the virus. We pray for those in pain and distress because of delayed treatments. We pray for those who are lonely and anxious at this time of enforced isolation. Wrap them in you love, Lord Jesus, quiet their minds and ease their hearts. You were fully man as well as fully God and understand their pain.

We pray for those who have particularly asked for our prayers this week -----
from list

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We pray for those who are dead or dying, including but not only those with a virus-related illness. Grant them your grace, Lord, that they may rise again, with you, in glory. Because of you, death no longer has dominion over us.

At this time, we remember especially - - - - - from list

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Lord, we know that the world will never be the same again. Let us build on the goodness shown by so many in these threatening times. Help and guide us, when we emerge blinking into your glorious sunshine at the end of this dark tunnel, to build the new world as a better world; where priorities are reassessed, attitudes changed, and where Your peace, justice and harmony prevails

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ Amen