

In a moments peace and quiet, let us prayer to the Father.

Heavenly Father, Our World is dominated this week by the coronavirus which is causing illness and death in many countries around the World including our own which has now declared a state of Emergency.

We bring before you all those in affected in any way.

We pray for all those who are ill with the infection, both at home and in hospital, for those in intensive care and on ventilators and all the nurses, carers and doctors in personal protective equipment who are selfishly tending to them. We pray that all in the Health Service may work safely and that they do not become overwhelmed with the difficult issues confronting them.

We pray for those who are responsibly self isolating that they do not develop serious symptoms.

We pray for those who are organising our Countries response to the virus, for our Government and its Ministers, and for the Public Health and Scientific experts who are leading and guiding them to minimise the impact of the infection.

We pray for those who are especially vulnerable and now house bound that they do not fall ill. We pray that the epidemic soon comes under control and that we can once again come together in our day to day lives.

We pray for those who are working to increase our understanding of the infection, and for those who are researching into the development of an effective and safe vaccine.

We pray for all those working in essential services, for those delivering and selling food and milk in our supermarkets, for those working in the media, for teachers and for the postmen and for all those maintaining our essential services. We pray for all volunteers who are supporting the vulnerable and for the care and compassion they are showing.

And we pray for all those who have lost their lives to the infection often before their time and isolated from their loved ones, and for relatives and friends who mourn their passing.

Bless and Strengthen all those who are working to overcome this health crisis. Keep us well. Guide us through our fears, and keep us mindful and caring, compassionate and connected.

Lord in Your Mercy ... Hear our Prayer

Heavenly Father, We pray now for the World around us, for the people in parts of the World who are not only facing the challenges of the Covid 19 infection but who are experiencing war, terrorism, civil strife, or natural disaster and their consequences.

We remember in particular in our prayers the sufferings of the people of North West Syria, Lesbos, The Yemen, Venezuela, Iraq and Afghanistan.

We pray for the leaders of all nations that they may be led by your Spirit to make wise decisions that bring about peace, protect the

vulnerable and which contribute to the creation of a fair, humane and caring world.

Lord in your Mercy ... Hear our Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray for our families, friends and work acquaintances here in Stamford. Bless and Guide them as they journey through their lives. We pray for those in business whose work has been temporarily halted and those workers who are being laid off. We pray particularly for our school children who have been sent home from school before the term end and for their parents who have to keep them occupied. We pray for those older children whose education has come to an abrupt end without the customary GCSE and A level exams. Ensure, we pray, they are assessed fairly and that their futures are in no way compromised by these extraordinary circumstances.

Lord in your Mercy ... Hear our Prayer

We pray now for your Church, here in Stamford and also for your Church Overseas. Let the World hear your messages of love, peace and hope.

We pray for all your Ministers in the Porvoo and Anglican Churches and we pray particularly for your Ministers here in Stamford. We give thanks for the work and example of David as he has led our Church of All Saints through another interregnum and we pray for the Reverend Neil Shaw as he prepares for his induction as our new Priest in Charge on the 20th April. We pray

also for all those who are working to ensure that the Ministry of the Church continues during this difficult time.

Send your Holy Spirit onto your Church, keep us together as a congregation and help us to shape our plans, hopes and aspirations as we give thanks for what has been, and as we look to the future.

Lord in your Mercy ... Hear Our Prayer

Heavenly Father, we entrust to your tender care all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. In our Parish we pray particularly for

R B

M A

G S

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P H

J B W

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and we pray for all those who are known to us personally who need our prayers at this time.

Lord in Your Mercy ... Hear Our Prayer

We pray now for those that have recently died.

In this Parish we remember S W, J H, J S, H M and M T.

We give thanks for their lives and the memories they have given us.

We pray for the family and friends of S, J, J, H and M and all who mourn.

Give, we pray, to those who have died .. eternal life and to those that mourn .. the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit

Lord in your mercy ... Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, God of our journeying, be our companion as we travel through Lent, be with us on our pilgrimage, and bring us at last, to the joys of Easter

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

Merciful father... accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

A Prayer for the 4th Week of Lent by Thomas Chisholm (1866 – 1960)

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy Faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.