***Lord, hear me as I pray;***

***Prayer Letter***

***1st Sunday after Trinity***

***19th June 2022***

For all who are increasingly affected by the surges in the cost of every

day essentials such as food, mortgages fuel, gas and electricity.



“*Return home and tell how much God has done for you.”* ***Luke 8:39***

***Let us pray for the church, the world and ourselves and let us thank God for His goodness:***

***"The Lord bless you and keep you.***

***The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.***

***The Lord turn His face to you and give you His peace."***

 **Numbers 6: 24-26**

* ***Lord of comfort and peace, we ask that you be with all those who suffer pain and anguish in bereavement; and for all who are struggling with infirmity or pain in body, mind or spirit.***

For those in hospital and at home;
surround the frightened with Your tenderness;
give strength to those in pain;
hold the weak in Your arms of love, and give hope and patience
to those who are recovering.

***We bring before you now in Your healing power:***

Sue, Sarah, Leah, Louise, Debbie, Stephen, Norman and Jean, Anne and Ian.

Thank you, Jesus. **Amen**

**Lord God,** we ask that you protect all who work for peace in our troubled world. We pray for all those whose lives and nations are affected by war and the consequences of war as we continue to pray especially for:

**Northern Ireland,** wherethere is deepening concern about the implications of unilateral changes to the Northern Ireland protocol and the threat of UK withdrawal from the European Court of Human Rights. **We also pray** that the Good Friday agreement which has secured peace and security for Northern Ireland is not put at risk and the United Kingdom's relationship with key allies, particularly the United States and our European neighbors is not jeopardized further by these ongoing political issues our Government currently face.

**Ukraine,**  we pray that there will be a lasting and just peace to end the suffering and death caused by the war and that Ukraine will be become free from the tyranny Russia is attempting to impose through its current military strategy of total destruction by bombardment.

**Refugees and Asylum seekers**, we pray that there are fair and just solutions to the current issues relating to the Rwandan deportation scheme. We also pray that ways are found through political dialogue with our European neighbors, especially France and Belgium to find a solution which enables fair processing of asylum claims to save lives lost at sea and also deal effectively with the illicit and perilous people smuggling trade across Europe.

***Lord, hear me as I pray;***

For the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and for all other Christian leaders across our nation.

For our Bishops Julian, Philip and Jill; giving thanks especially for Bishop Julian as he approaches his retirement .

For our Vicar Dave, for Alison and Josh. Also for the work of Ashar and those attending Starting Point. For the work of Steve and Lisa in their mission with the poor in India and in our Parish

For Matt and everyone involved in the work with children and young people.

For those who serve on the PCC as they meet on 20th June.

For all who attend our church. That all are safe and renewed in the knowledge and belief in your promise that you are the God of love and forgiveness by your sacrifice for our sins on the Cross of Salvation.

For every one at St Thomas' helping to build Your Kingdom in our

Parish, our town and also the wider world.

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***Lord, hear me as I pray;***

For the emergency services across our town and around our nation

For the teachers, other staff and pupils in the schools and colleges across our town and around our

For our Social workers, Health Care workers and volunteers providing care and support to the vulnerable, the hungry, and the sick across our town and around our nation.

For our airport workers and all those affected by the difficulties of staffing, particularly with adequately staffed security areas.

***Lord, hear me as I pray;***

Give wisdom to all in authority especially Elizabeth, our Queen. We thank You Lord God for her long life of service and her faith in Jesus Christ as her Platinum Jubilee Celebrations come to an end.

For our Armed Forces, protecting us in our nation by their service at sea, in the air and on land. Especially for those on deployment along NATOs eastern European borders.

For all those is position of power across all Governments in the UK – national, regional and local – Grant them integrity, compassion and wisdom in their decisions to benefit all who live, work or seek help in our nation when in need.