Church Intercessions – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 14-06-2020

Genesis 18.1-15 (21.1-7); Psalm 116.1-2, 11-18; Romans 5.1-11; Matthew 9.35 – 10.8 (9-23).

Jesus, Friend of all the world, you have compassion on all who come to you for help; hear the prayers we bring for your people.

We pray for the nations of the world:

for all who are suffering from the Coronavirus Pandemic, and for all who are working to alleviate the suffering.

for your people who daily face conflict and oppression;

for those who live in poverty and deprivation;

for leaders of nations, for all who govern, and for those who administer the law. Equip us for your service and send us out to labour for you, that we may work for a world of righteousness and peace.

Jesus, friend of the helpless, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for your worldwide church:

for the Anglican Communion around the World, and for our own Bishop Murray here in this Diocese;

for leaders of churches, for missionaries, evangelists and chaplains; and for all who work to bring your gospel to others.

Equip us for your service and send us out to labour for you, that we may help to proclaim to the world the good news of your reign.

Jesus, friend of sinners, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our community and for all whom we love:

for our families and friends and for those with whom we share our lives;

for those without food and for those with nowhere to live;

for those without work and those with too little rest;

for civic authorities, welfare agencies and service clubs.

Equip us for your service and send us out to labour for you, that we may work to create a more just and compassionate society.

Jesus, friend of the outcast, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in trouble or distress: for those without support of friends or family; for the sick and the dying and for those who mourn; for medical staff and pastoral workers and for all who care for the suffering.

Equip us for your service and send us out to labour for you, that we may bring comfort to the sad, healing to the sick, and new hope to those in despair.

Jesus, friend of the needy, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who have died in the faith. for your martyrs and missionaries, for your evangelists and teachers; for those in every generation who have laboured faithfully to bring in your harvest; for those who have been the community of faith in this place.

Equip us for your service, that we also may labour for you, and bring us home, with all the saints, to share in the glory of your everlasting reign.

Jesus, friend and intercessor, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

