

Intercessions for Lent

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**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy
Lord Jesus, you were tried and tempted by the forces of
evil. May we never be ashamed of temptation, but save us
from the weakness of giving way to it. Help us choose the
way of faithfulness rather than popularity, service rather
than fame, sacrifice rather than power.**

**In time of need reassure us that your support is close at
hand.**

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

**We pray for the whole family of your church. May all your
people be built up in faith and show in their lives the love
we see in Jesus. Help us to play our part in the life of the
church throughout the world by our prayers for all
Christian people and by our gifts of money and service.
Give courage to those who find it hard to follow you. Give
us vision that leads to action and strengthen us to serve
you in the places where we live.**

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

**We pray for our churches here and in Putnoe. In gratitude
we pray for Charlie, Sam, and Joan attending General
Synod this week, for our leadership teams, those who work
with children and young people, for those who seek
maturity in their understanding of God, those who manage
and care for this building and garden as a gift to our
community. May this church be visionary and relevant in
all that is good and serve your purposes.**

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

We pray for all in positions of authority and leadership in every nation that they do not misuse their powers but nourish and care for your created world and all peoples. We pray for those living in hunger, poverty and through natural disasters –those suffering after the rail crash in Cumbria.

We thank you for the care and voluntary support given by the emergency services and many varied organisations in difficult circumstances and places, particularly with our armed forces.

Lord, be their refuge and strength.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Lord, we ask you to protect our loved ones and friends and neighbours. We pray for those who are ill and in pain, longing to live full lives, for those who are sad and hurt in any way.

May our support be gentle to those in trouble and need, and strong to those in weakness. Take our thoughts and prayers and use them to further your work of healing

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray for those saddened by the death of someone close to them. Give them your comfort as they cherish their loved ones.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench.

We commend to your everlasting love and care those who have died and light a candle to symbolise the light of Christ which eternally shines and brings hope to all who turn to him

We remember especially... Alan

Barnwell,.....

You turn our darkness into light and in your light shall we see light.

**May we all come to your eternal transforming joy
Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

Lord help us to see this time of Lent as an opportunity to develop our discipleship and discipline.

Hear our prayers and help us to be aware of what we are asking that our prayers may change us also.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.