

Intercessions July 17 and 18, 2021

The response to “Good Shepherd, have compassion on us”,
is “**and hear our prayers**”

Let us pray to God who has compassion on his people in all their needs. Strengthen the Church to be the witness of your new law and a living sign of your reconciling power. Where there is hatred, let us bring peace. Where there cries for help, let us bring aid. Bless those who work for the spread of the Gospel, granting them rest and refreshment when they are weary.

Good Shepherd, have compassion on us, **and hear our prayer.**

Save with your healing power the nations of the world. Grant that men and women shall not live in suspicion of strangers and fear of what seems to be foreign, but in harmony as your gathered people. Where we, individually or collectively have offended, let us lay our gifts before you and make our peace.

Good Shepherd, have compassion on us, **and hear our prayer.**

Draw into the fellowship of your household our families and friends, our neighbours, and colleagues. We pray for areas where people are living with or are fearful of the COVID viruses. Through our prayers, let your garment be spread that anyone may touch it and be healed.

Good Shepherd, have compassion on us, **and hear our prayer.**

Make us one in the unity that Christ has brought. Visit and relieve the sick . . .

Give new hope to those whose suffering has been long. Give skill and compassion to all who do the work of healing.

Good Shepherd, have compassion on us, **and hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for those whose lives were built on the foundation of Jesus Christ and now rest in him. Give them joy in the fellowship of the heavenly Church where he reigns for ever.

As sheep who have found their shepherd, we pray through Christ our Lord, saying:

**Listen, O God,
to the prayers of your people,
as we commit ourselves to your care
and seek your blessing.
Protect and sustain us in this life
and make us ready for your eternal gifts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**