

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS.
Prayers of Intercession for 31 July 2022

Celebrant: Help us Lord to thank you every day for the great gift of life, for the gift of the lives of all others and for the gift of the planet which sustains us. We pray we may so use these gifts as to come into the treasures of your Kingdom both here and hereafter.

The response is: Lord, graciously hear us

1. For Wisdom: Lord we pray for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit for all your people – so that your Church in its leaders and in all its peoples may know how to so treasure the things of earth that all may come to enjoy the treasures of our true lives hidden with Christ in God. **Lord, hear us . . .**

2. For Justice and Peace: Bless Lord all those who are taking part in or supporting, organising or watching the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. May all nations learn by the example of the young people the ways of justice and of peace and turn from ways of violence and hatred. **Lord, hear us . . .**

3. For Individuals and Families: Many individuals and families are facing a future of increasing poverty, high energy costs and uncertainty with anxiety and fear. Give your Church the wisdom to find practical ways to offer refuge and support for all those who worry for the future. **Lord, hear us . . .**

4. For Holidays and Holy Days: We pray that these times of holiday may truly be ‘HOLY DAYS’ for us. May our time of joyful recreation truly ‘RE-CREATE’ in your service and in your image. **Lord, hear us . . .**

5. For the Deceased: Lord, we always remember those who have gone before us in the peace of Christ. We pray also for all who are ill in any way, all who have problems in families or in relationships, all who need our prayers. **Lord, hear us . . .**

The Silence

In the silence of our hearts, let us pray for all our needs.

We join our prayers with those of Our Lady: **Hail Mary . . .**

Celebrant: Father we ask for the gift of thanksgiving, for joy in life, for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit and that we may be kind to all we meet. We ask for these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.