Prayers of the People

Sunday, July 10, 2022

(Paddy Waymark)

 We are gathered here on Zoom to celebrate God and the Spirit through our prayers and and love for all.

 As we sit in contemplation of the miracle of God’s light in our lives, let us give thanks and gratitude for that life, which we call on to create love in the name of the One. Whether it is through kindness, strength, peace or hope, let us not falter in spreading Your gifts to all we meet. Help us to be blind to colour, differences in worshipping You , status ,sexual diversity, gender or ability. In this world, in your light, we are One.

Merciful God…Hear Our Prayers

 We know that you need us to tend your Garden and to be loving stewards of what we have been given. Your gifts are many and marvellous to behold: flowers, water, plants, music, forests, and animals. We take for granted so much; that these gifts can be destroyed is unthinkable.

But our brains and minds, and what we can do with them, is both terrifying and amazing. Thus we pray for the strength and endurance needed to create harmony in your Name.

Merciful God…Hear Our Prayers.

 In your Garden, we see growing that which is in opposition to Your plan of love, hope and stewardship: hate towards others, aggression against innocent civilians, anger towards those who are different, greed for things, and a lust for power that seems bottomless. We know that we are living in difficult times. We are bewildered by the rapidity of political changes around the world, many of which divide us , and seek to undo hard fought advances in understanding and accepting others.

Merciful God…Hear Our Prayers

 God, rescue us from the power of darkness and draw us into a world which will allow us to seek the welfare of families first. We know that their security rests on being able to look after each member and to be safe in your love. Let not those who interfere with this take hold and create more damage, only to satisfy their own objectives.

Merciful God…Hear Our Prayers

 In your name, let us love and pray for those who have family, friends or others who are ill, exhausted, receiving medical care, or are alone. You are loved. The grace of the everlasting One, who knows you, offers you hope and strength for the path ahead…………………

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 (The Lord’s Prayer follows.)