

# weekly intercessions



from the United Reformed Church

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
The Sixth  
Sunday of Easter

Creator God, we thank you for the world we live in.  
We thank you for the sun, moon and stars.  
We pray that leaders of countries and industry worldwide  
will realise the damage humankind are doing to this wonderful world.  
We pray that governments, industries, and individuals  
will all work together to reduce emissions and other damage to this world.  
We might feel this is impossible,  
but we remember how you spoke to your servant Ezekial  
and the bare bones came together and lived.  
We know that this world needs all people to come together  
to combat the causes of climate change.

We pray for our politicians;  
we pray that members of Parliament will work for what is best for the people  
and not simply for political gain.  
We pray that no more people will die crossing the channel in small boats.  
We ask you to show our leaders a way to stop those making money  
by sending people in overcrowded boats.  
We want to see a world in which all people are treated with respect and dignity.

Almighty God we pray for the Scottish Parliament  
as the First Minister Humza Yousaf has announced that he will resign.  
We pray that whoever follows him will lead with care and compassion  
for all the people of Scotland.

Almighty God we pray for the newly elected local councillors.  
We ask you to guide them as they start in their new roles and take on their responsibilities.  
We pray that every local council will be able to work for their local community  
and spend their limited budget wisely.

As we pray for our elected politicians,  
we also pray for the many volunteers who strive to help others.  
We ask that foodbanks will have sufficient stocks of food and that no-one will go hungry.  
We remember all who help supporting others  
and we especially pray for those who work with The Samaritans  
and who are often the only place desperate people can find to turn to.

Heavenly Father when Your son, Jesus, lived amongst us He often healed people.

We pray for all who work with the sick and dying today.  
We ask that you bless and give strength and wisdom  
to all doctors, nurses, care assistants and all who work in the NHS and care homes.

Loving God, we see war and fighting in so many areas of your world.  
The people of so many countries are suffering.  
We pray for the leaders of Israel and Gaza  
that they will negotiate and bring about a long-lasting end to the war and suffering.  
We pray for the aid agencies that they will get enough food and aid into Gaza.  
We also pray for those held hostage  
that they will be kept safe and soon be reunited with their families.  
We also ask that there will be meaningful talks between Russia and Ukraine  
that will end the war.

Finally, we pray for ourselves and all Christians,  
help us to be beacons of hope in the world today.  
Show us what to say and how to act when we come across difficult situations.  
Just as the apostles were filled by your spirit fill us so we can serve you truly and rightly.

Thankyou for your wonderful gift to us of your son Jesus  
and we bring these prayers in His eternal, holy name. Amen

*John Collings*