Intercession – 24th May 2020

The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises.

The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course.

All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again.

All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing.

What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun

Lord, we know that you are not a God of disorder, everything you do will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it.

*Lord in your mercy*

Father you encourage us to be strong and observe what you require. We strive to walk in obedience to you, keeping your commands. Give us a wise and discerning heart, so that the earth is full of your knowledge and your Kingdom is established in all nations.

*Lord in your mercy*

We commit all nations to you Father, in this very difficult time. A time that has left many stunned or confused, a time like none other before. We are blessed that we could turn to you for comfort and reassurance.

We remember especially members of our congregation, friends old and new, neighbours and family.

We remember brethren who do not have a place to call home and pray for shelter.

We remember brethren without food and pray for provision.

We hear the bleak economic projections and pray for a mighty move of your hand because we know that you can do glorious things.

We lift our eyes unto the hills from where we know our help comes.

Lord be exalted in every situation.

*Lord in your mercy*

We continue to pray for comfort for Sarah's colleague Oke and his siblings who recently lost both parents. We pray for Tabitha as she remembers her son Nyasha who passed away 2 years ago. Thank you Lord that Tabitha is at a place where she can share strength. We pray that Mitzi and her family finds comfort during this sad time. We pray for the young people in our church and everywhere as they try to make sense of the disruption at this early stage in life.

*Lord in your mercy*

Lord your name is as ointment, and we call upon you now as we remember those unwell in body, mind or spirit. We remember,

Darius’s mother-in-law Trisha,

Veronica’s sister-in-law Ruby & nephew Jordan,

Obi, Cousin Zen, Cousin Michael, Geraldine, Gordon, Feyemi,

all those at 44 Kimberley Rd and Christopher,

Maria, Alison, Miriam, Brenda, Denise M, Ernestine & family,

Simon & Samantha, Pat, Mona, Girish, Enid,

Ethel, Pat & Enid, Bridget, Ina, Tony, Noel,

Irene, Ron, Avril.

We pray for our families near and far, for all those we love for all feeling unloved.

We lift to you Lord, the souls of Mitzi’s brother Wray Sealey, Liz Seal SPA & CUH Chaplaincy volunteer, Ionie Smith, Veronica’s relatives Jason & Darius, Revd Peter Holmes Fereshte’s Vicar, Percy’s mother Mrs McCooke, Beverley’s mother Leila, Cordelia.

May light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

*Lord in your mercy*

Father we submit unto you and avail ourselves to your service, even at such a time as this; search our hearts and our minds, shape us. We trust you completely because your banner over us is love.

*Lord in your mercy*

Amen.