**Easter 5 – Intercessions during Lockup - Sunday 10th May**

Living God, our life is in your hands, and we offer you all that we are,

All that our past has made us, and all that we may become.

You are the Way, the Truth and the Life, through whom we can come into the presence of God forever.

Give us the patience to wait until you call.

**Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer**

Father, during this time of trouble across the world, we pray for your comfort and ask that you give strength and calm to undertakers and their teams struggling to give their best to the dead and their relatives. Bring them all relief and strength and hope for the future.

Across the world, give strength to those, especially the elderly, who are alone and friendless except for the friendship of you, bring them comfort and spiritual sustenance until life returns to normal.

Lord we miss the company of our church family, those who bring us cheer and comfort, and those who help strengthen and grow our faith. We ask you to bring us together soon so that our church can develop and flourish

**Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer**

Father, we thank you for your gift of love and direction as we wait patiently until risk of infection has gone.

We thank you for giving the gift of bravery and self-sacrifice to medical and support staff everywhere; for those who volunteer to help others ignoring their own safety for the sake of those who need their help; for politicians wrestling with the best way to keep the health of both their people and their country secure and safe.

We thank you for our ministry team who keep us close to your teaching through their imagination and hard work.

**Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer**

Dear Father we thank You for showing us the Way to eternal life

**Merciful Father**

**Accept these prayers**

**For the sake of your Son,**

**Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**