

# Prayers for Granborough Morning Service 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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Let us pray.

Lord as this morning we have been thinking of your blessings to us we firstly must thank you for sending your Son, Jesus to live as a normal person so many years ago. We remember his love and care for those around him and the example he set of holy and sacrificial living. We thank you that through his life, death and resurrection our sins are forgiven and we can be assured of your everlasting love for us. Help us Father to live lives that mirror the life of Jesus in how we interact with all those around us. Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We also remember before you this morning all the other blessings that we experience in our lives. For a safe and secure environment in which to live where the rule of law is generally respected and where justice is sought. We also thank you for the blessings of warm and dry homes, for sufficient food, and for medical facilities that we can all access.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks dear Father for all the things that make our life so rich. For friends and family and the times when we can sit and chat over a cup of tea or coffee. These times immeasurably enrich our lives and bring a sense of wellbeing and contentment which we so often take for granted. We pray for those whose lives are empty and who have very few friends and maybe no family. We pray that you will be close to them and help us to stretch out the hand of friendship as and when we see the need.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We also thank you for so many other things that bring richness into our lives, for music, the beautiful environment, for television and for art and crafts. We pray for all those people who write or perform music and bring joy to so many people. We pray also for the visual artists and craftsmen and women who use their skills to enrich our lives and often bring joy and meaning to those who may be disabled in body or mind.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

In a world where we see reports of conflict and disaster daily in our newspapers and on the television we pray especially this morning for the refugees and all those made homeless or driven out of their countries by violence or disaster. Dear Lord we have no true understanding of what it must be like to have to pack up a few possessions and flee for our lives. We pray for all those organisations who endeavour to help and support refugees, bringing food, water and shelter to those in such dire need. May we do whatever we can to support the agencies and organisations providing care.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray this morning for all those working in the care sector whose work is often not appreciated and can be poorly paid and stressful. We thank you for the loyal service for so many women and men who day by day provide both physical and emotional care to those requiring help in their lives. We remember also those from other countries who come to UK to work in the care sector often leaving friends and family for long periods of time. We also pray for those working in the area of social services trying to support those in need whilst having limited resources and stressful situations. We pray that you will guide and support them and give them an understanding that their contribution to our society is both vitally important and valued.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Lastly Father we pray that you will help us to react to the needs of the world around us and in so doing may we be part even if a small part, of the answer to our prayer today.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen