

PRAYING TOGETHER

Monday 20 September

Reading: *1 Thessalonians 3: 12 – 13*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints

Let us pray to God who never deserts those who trust in him:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Pour out your Spirit on the Church:- let men see in her the greatness of your loving kindness

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Be with the priests and ministers of your Church:- what they preach to others, may they practise in their lives

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Teach us to understand one another more deeply:- by your presence free us from prejudice and fear

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Give married couples constancy and mutual understanding:- may their difficulties help to deepen the love they have for each other

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Pardon the sins of all our departed brothers and sisters:- may they enjoy new life in the company of your saints

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Our Father ...

Stay with us, Lord Jesus; be our companion on our way. In your mercy inflame our hearts and raise our hope so that, in union with our brethren, we may recognise you in the scriptures and in the breaking of Bread

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen