

1-2 August 2020

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**6<sup>th</sup> Feast: Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Reader:**

We pray especially for the Church, the Holy Father Pope Francis, Father Chris, Deacon Mark and all clergy who lead Your flocks. Help them to reach out through the congregation to beyond the Church walls so that those outside and in can experience God's deep love for us. (Pause)

Lord Hear Us

We pray for an end to this Covid crisis. We include those who have lost their lives and those who are fighting for their lives; as well as their families, their communities and all those who play a part in tending them. Let justice and honour prevail. (Pause)

Lord Hear Us:

Dear Lord, help us, through our actions, to live out your Word in our dealings with others as witness to Your love for us. Dispel fear, irritation, selfishness and laziness. Grant us the courage and energy to bear witness outside of Church. (Pause)

Lord Hear Us:

We pray so specially for Your persecuted children who live in fear of violence, intimidation, injustice and hatred. Strengthen their resolve if they believe in You and we pray that those who don't will find You. We ask that Your love enters the hearts of those with power and those who are filled with hatred, resentment and unhappiness. (Pause)

Lord hear us.

Lord we pray for those, who put their own needs aside to bring comfort and justice to the helpless and oppressed. Keep them safe. We pray for the needy and the hungry; for an end to their suffering in a world that has more than enough to feed us all. (Pause)

Lord hear us.

We remember children the world over and pray they are nurtured with kindness and love and all reach their full potential. We especially pray for Yemen, Syria and other suffering countries and also for refugees fleeing terror and violence. We remember minority Christians; the Uighars [weegers] and other persecuted groups and earnestly pray for an end to their suffering. (Pause)

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our heartfelt pleas for those who are struggling financially, mentally, and physically at this time. Give them hope and let those who deal with them find ways to treat them honourably and kindly. (Pause)

Lord hear us:

Lord we bring before You the sick and their carers. We ask that you comfort, heal and sustain them. We bring before you those in the newsletter. (Pause)

Lord hear us.

And we pray for those who have recently died and whose anniversaries occur around this time. We pray for those who mourn that comfort will be theirs. We bring before you those in the newsletter. (pause)

Lord hear us.