

Intercessions for Maundy Thursday.



Christ knelt and washed his disciples feet.

As we follow his example, grant us servant hearts, that we might love without counting the cost, and serve not thinking of our own status, but putting others before ourselves. May our church be a servant community and may we live and proclaim the grace of the gospel.

Lord in your Mercy

Hear our Prayer

Christ broke bread, shared it among his disciples and said this is my body given for you.

May we who share in Christ's generosity be generous to others. May we hunger and thirst for reconciliation, may we like him be peacemakers. And may we give of ourselves, not counting the cost.

Lord in your Mercy

Hear our Prayer

Christ took the cup, and said drink from it all of you,

May we seek unity in the church, holding firm to the essentials, but treating all other matters with a gentleness of touch. We pray for those who feel alienated from the church, that they may know the unconditional welcome of the Jesus, the friend of sinners.

Lord in your Mercy

Hear our Prayer

Christ was betrayed by one of those closest to him.

By the power of the Spirit, may we have courage to be faithful even to the end, and to bear witness to the crucified king.

We pray for our nation, and for those in authority so often ashamed to acknowledge Christian faith. For those who uphold our laws that they may pursue what is right and just.

Lord in your Mercy

Hear our Prayer

Christ Knelt in the garden and wept for the sins of the world.

Break our hearts that may we weep for this world torn apart and broken by war, greed and exploitation, remind us of our responsibility for the hungry, the destitute and the lost.

And grant us eyes to see beyond the cross to a new creation where peace rules and every tear is wiped away.

Lord in your Mercy

Hear our Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**