**Four suggestions for intercessory prayers during Chaplaincy Fortnight**

Intercessory prayers 1

Lord in our ordinary lives

**May your will be done**

Loving and approachable God

We bring to you today, those whom we are called to serve and support

Those who we have shared with and continue to, build relationships with.

We lift to you the conversations we’ve been a part of within our chaplaincies

The difficult, the sad, the challenging and the funny we meet and experience you in them.

We offer to you those who have been brave enough to share with us, and those who appreciate our visits.

Lord in our ordinary lives

**May your will be done.**

Lord of all hope,

We lift before you those who are on temporary contracts and wish they were full time, those who are on zero contracts and long for something more stable.

We pray for managers, and assistant managers who are struggling with staff shortages, low morale and external pressures and expectations

We pray for shop assistants who have to deal, with rude customers, shop lifters, for assistants who work in a lonely and confined environment who stay in the shop all day without lunch or toilet facilities

Lord in our ordinary lives

**May your will be done.**

God who is ever present,

We pray for those who make our shopping malls a clean and safe place to be

For the cleaners and front of house team who clean the floors, empty the bins and make sure the toilets are spotless.

For those who take care of all the waste from all the restaurants we eat in for those who make sure the escalators lifts and lighting works.

We pray for those who make sure we are safe for security guards and duty assistants who work a 12 hour shift and walk the malls and attend any incident.

For those who attend the car parks and make sure the congestion is kept to a minimal, for customer service team or have a vast knowledge of all the shops and where they are all situated within the malls.

Lord in our ordinary lives

**May your will be done.**

Lord in our ordinary lives may we as your people recognise your love and your presence within those whom we meet and within those who meet with us.

In the Jesus name we pray. Amen

Intercessory Prayers 2

God from who no secrets are hidden and all things are known

Forgive us for the times we as your people we are afraid to speak out

When we would rather blend in when we would rather agree

Forgive us for our silence when we should speak or even shout when we would rather hide our convictions under the blanket of collusion.

God the revealed in the world around us

May we reveal your love, in the office, at the construction site, in the canteen, in the playground, in the classroom, and in the staff room, at elders and Deacons meetings.

Give us the opportunity to present you and by guided by you in our actions and responses. And instead of blending in, may you stand out.

May your desire for justice and peace so drive us to be instruments of justice and peace may your desire for equality, inclusion and love, be like fire in our bones, so we too become passionate in our welcome and hospitality and in our love.

That you may be seen, felt and experienced and the rivers of your living waters will flow through and from us into the most parched places bringing life, restoration, nourishment and healing.

In the name that bids us to come and drink, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Intercessory Prayers 3

Gracious God,

We bring before you, those who make our day run smoothly but hardly ever remember or even sometimes notice.

For the early morning cleaners, who makes sure our places of work, are clean who empty our bin, and restock, the hand towels. For the road cleaners and the bin men, who make sure our roads are free from rubbish.

Hear our prayer,

**And in your love answer!**

We bring before you those who make our journey to work as smooth as it can be. We bring before you, those who drive the buses, and train, for those whose mammoth job it is to work out time schedules so we can get to our places of work, school, college and meeting on time.

We pray for those who work in petrol stations especially the stations that are open for 24hours, with sometimes one person attending, we pray for their safety as they deal with the threat of theft and abuse.

Hear our prayer,

**And in your love answer!**

We think of all those who are in customer services and who try to help us with our day to day lives.

We bring before you those who are in customer services, whose role it is to answer the phone, and to help us with our enquires.

Those we speak to when our internet is down, or our energy bill isn’t correct, those who we speak to, to make a hospital or doctor’s appointment. Those whom we get impatient with, especially when we’ve been put on hold.

Hear our prayer,

**And in your love answer!**

We pray for those who check our gas and electric meters, who maintain our gardens, who clean our window and if we’re lucky enough to have them, those who clean our houses.

To us Lord, invisible people, who we encounter daily, but rarely, consider, but to you precious individuals made in your image. May we be reminded of that in our dealings with them.

Hear our prayer

**And in your love answer!**

Amen.

Intercessory prayers 4

God who comfort,

We think of those, for who work is a burden and a chore,

For those who do not find the place they work in safe or affirming.

For those who are experiencing difficulty in their place of work.

We think of those who are experiencing harassment and abuse.

We think of those who are so fearful of losing their position that they make life at work so unbearable.

Living God, meet us in silence

**And hear our prayer**

God of comfort,

We think of those who are facing disciplinary procedure those who have received written or final warnings for those who have been branded whistle blowers and those who are about to take redundancy

Living God, meet us in silence,

**And hear our prayer**

God of comfort,

We think of those who have decided to retire, those who’ve had to take early or unexpected retirement those whose temporary contacts have now come to an end those who are leaving due to maternity cover. We think of those colleagues who have taken sick leave and have been off for many months.

Living God, meet us in the silence,

**And hear our prayer.**

God of comfort,

**In the joyous and in the sad you are there in the wilderness and in the harvest you are in those moments remind us of your unfailing love and comfort. Amen**