



Celebration Service on the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Service led by Rev. Mavis Crispin, of the Diocese of London



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the King and the Royal Family

Ellie Zúñiga

Almighty God, we give you thanks for King Charles, for his devotion to his family, his nation and the Commonwealth, and to the Earth, our fragile home. We thank you for his love for all peoples.

The world and Britain face multiple challenges. We give thanks for the King's wisdom and deep Christian faith and pray that in his unique role he will bring stability. He has prepared through the whole of his life for the office he will now fulfil.

Bless and protect him in all the years to come, give him grace and the gifts of wisdom and discernment in the service of his people. Grant that his reign may be one of faithful witness and prove to be a source of hope to others.

Bless and protect Camilla the Queen Consort, William, Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family with strength, courage and wisdom as they take on different roles and responsibilities in this new era. We ask these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, AMEN

For the Environment Worldwide

Mark Turner

Heavenly father,

We are gathered to honour the name of King Charles III on the occasion of his coronation. We pray for his sake, and wish him every success in the task he has ahead as Head of State of The United Kingdom and of 14 other Commonwealth nations. God Save The King.

Throughout his time as Prince of Wales, your will and grace made King Charles a vociferous proponent of environmental, ecological and sustainability causes. Indeed, as many devout Christians are often mocked and vilified for their beliefs, so King Charles was mocked by society for his vision of a greener future, his defence of mother nature, his desire for a society that better respected its surroundings. Even his early adoption of organic farming methods, now seen as a clear benefit for one and all, was a source of derision for many and his views seemed strange or out-dated at the time. He was an easy target for mockery. We are sinners and, as a people with the benefit of hindsight, we pray for forgiveness for our sharp tongues toward King Charles III and now recognize the wisdom you installed in our King from an early age. We are thankful for his leadership on what has become a vital cause in the 21st century and now, as King Charles III, we pray that you instil even greater courage and resolution in his heart to further these causes in his newly influential position. We pray that people around the world, not merely in the countries in which he is Head of State, pay heed to the example King Charles can set on environmental matters.

We your humble flock face many challenges in future years as the planet collectively tackles fundamental questions arising from climate change; the supply of food for all, clean and healthy water for all, the energy transition period upon us as we move away from burning oil and gas and towards cleaner ways of providing energy. Our prayer is that newly crowned King Charles III can seize the opportunity of leadership and provide us with a vision of a better world, one that we heed and better respects the incredible creation you have put into our care. We ask all this in the name of your only begotten son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

For the Needs of the World

Billy Kerstein

Almighty and Everlasting Lord, You have redeemed humanity, brought us into fellowship with each other, and pour out blessings on us for our daily needs. Guide us in our relationships with each other, our parents, our siblings, our children, and our relatives who are dear to us, but also our neighbors, our coworkers, our church community and our new friends and acquaintances. Open our hearts to forgive and reconcile with our estranged relationships, our hostile neighbors, our enemies, and all those who only know fear. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Forgiving Father, we are humbly taught by You through Your word. We are grateful for all the teachers, ministers, and workers of the church. Guide, strengthen, and preserve them so that together we can see You more clearly, follow You more nearly, and love You more dearly. Pour out the Spirit in our hearts to preach the Gospel always with our actions, with our daily habits, and at the right times with our words. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Victorious Saviour, You are the first and the last and we are blessed daily by Your mercy, grace and justice. You taught us about Your love for all people from Zacheus the tax collector, the Samaritan woman at the well, and the faith of the Roman commander. Guide us to protect and save all people regardless of creed, language, color, age, gender, or class. Teach us to appreciate our identity in Christ above all differences and guide us to show love rather than fear when faced with the foreign. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Gentle Lord, You are our Good Shepard when we walk in the dark valleys. You keep us safe from every danger. Protect Your people in every capacity, in the warzones, as refugees, in desperation and poverty in our own borders, those incarcerated, those at trial as innocent or guilty, and those who are lost or found. Help us to rise above vengeance and teach us to love. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Merciful God, You have rescued and preserved us from distress. You have showed us that You heal the body, mind, and spirit of all people of any magnitude. We humbly implore you to comfort and restore those who are suffering from illness, guide and empower their caretakers, and heal and bless us in our infirmities, grief, and brokenness. Strengthen and inspire the Church of the Good Shepard to share your resurrection promises to every suffering heart.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.