

## Intercession Prayers at Ardeley

From time to time we will ask your child to write and say an Intercession prayer which will form part of our Tuesday Collective Worship (to which everyone is invited). To help you support your child in this when it is their turn, we thought this quick guide might be helpful.

The two aims of Intercession prayers are to **make our concerns clear to God** and to **ask God to intercede to improve something in the world**. They should be easy for everyone to understand and follow.

For example:

Dear God  
There are lots of places in this world where people do not feel safe.  
Please help us to make the world peaceful, and help everyone without a safe home to find a safe place to live.  
Lord in your mercy (Hear our prayer)

or

Dear God  
You have given us a beautiful place to live, but we are damaging it.  
Please help us to care for this world, and do more to protect it.  
Lord in your mercy (Hear our prayer)

When it is the turn of your child to write a prayer it would be useful if you could talk with them about things that they could pray for. It could be that **they could thank God for something and then ask for God's help about something that is happening** in the world, our country, our local community, our friends, our family or for themselves.

For example

Lord God,  
Thank you for making us as part of your creation. Our bodies need warmth to stay alive yet there are people in your world who shiver in the cold.  
Please hear our prayer to bring them warmth for their bodies and comfort for their minds. Lord in your mercy (Hear our prayer)

or

Dear Lord  
Thank you for helping scientists find cures for lots of diseases. My Grandad is ill in hospital. Please watch over for him and help the doctors and nurses to take care of him. Lord in your mercy (hear our prayer)

I hope that you feel able to support the school in this and that we will enjoy some ever more thoughtful intercession prayers in the future. Once again, you are more than welcome to attend any Tuesday Collective Worship. These start at 9.05am.