

## **Prayer of Intercession by David Taylor 190420**

Lord Jesus, we come to worship you in the light of your glorious resurrection. You are 'The Morning Star of Grace'. You are 'Death of death and Hell's destruction'. We come to you with 'love as strong as death, but with awe and wonder and with bated breath', you are Christ the Lord.

Made confident by your Holy Spirit we come to pray for the broken world which you came to save.

We give thanks that we can share our prayers on zoom and other social media, for the huge outreach possible by these methods.

We come first of all to pray for the many people here in Selkirk affected in one way or another by the present crisis :- those grieving the loss of family or friends; unwell themselves, or feeling the depressing effects of lock-down and isolation; for small business owners, compelled to draw on capital because of closures; for families on low incomes faced with council tax rises or struggling to make ends meet; for families with young children trying to combine care and work; for families where there was already tension and quarrelling, even abuse, now worsened by the present circumstances; we pray for the NHS, all who work in it - we pray for your peace and strength especially for them and we give thanks for the way in which the community applaud them and generally are beginning to look after each other in a new way. In all these situations we pray that people will look to You for their strength and that peace which You alone can give.

We pray for our governments, Westminster and Holyrood, as they face difficult decisions day by day, that they may look to You for wisdom.

We pray for Christians round the world, affected not only by terrorism and persecution, but by famine, failure of crops and climate change but by Coronavirus as well - we name but a few - the Yemen, Nigeria, Sudan, North Korea, but giving thanks that, as far as we know, there has not been a repetition elsewhere this Easter of the atrocities committed last year at this time in Sri Lanka,

Finally we commit ourselves, our own 'nearest and dearest' to your loving care, confident, come what way, of Your eternal presence with us all. Amen.