**Prayers for 1st Sunday in lent. 21/02/21 Prayers by Barbara**

Dear Lord, listen to us when we pray in faith although we are not together in person, we are together in your spirit. Open our ears and hearts to your voice and love.

**Lord in your mercy Hear our Prayer**

We heard in the reading today that the Spirit sent Jesus out into the wilderness for forty days and how he was tempted by Satan. At the start of lent we need to think about what we are tempted by and how we can overcome the temptations please help us be strong we know that we cannot compare with Jesus but help us to withstand our temptations thinking also about what we say and do.

**Lord in your Mercy Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for community and all that live at work here special at this time when we cannot see each other in person. We pray for the school and the Children some who will be returning after halftime, but others will still be doing home schooling, we pray for them and their parents and we pray that they will be going back to school soon to meet with their friends. We pray for the teachers at this time who have had extra work not only with schoolwork but making sure that the children’s mental welfare is cared for.

**Lord in Your Mercy Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our Church and the Baptist Church, the Saffron Waldon Team. For Jeremy who will be joining us on 3rd of March we ask you in our prays to be with him and his family at this time.

We pray for Lent course that starts this week may all that attend find the love of God,

(Gracious God, your son Jesus drew from all kinds of people to himself, and so to you. Help us to reflect your love so that others may see something of you in) *taken for the course book.*

**Lord in your Mercy Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our Queen and for Prince Philip who is in hospital.

Lord Jesus, we pray for all people who hold positions of authority that they do not misuse their power. We pray that our Government over the coming weeks will work with the scientists to come up with an exit plan that is safe and workable for all. We pray for all Governments we pray that they will be given the insight and integrity to govern wisely according to your will, being fully aware of the true needs of the people.

**Lord in your Mercy Hear our Prayer**

We pray for those that are sick in body and mind may your love be with them. Keeping in our thoughts Dick, Cherry and Angela who can no longer attend. Also remembering those that have no families or friends and are scared at this time be there with them.

**Lord in your Mercy Hear our Prayer**

We Prayer for those that are grieving for all those that have lost their lives to Covid and many other illnesses may your love be with them and their families.

**Merciful Father**

**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen