Intercessions for 18th October 2026; St Luke's Day: Luke 10:1-9; Isaiah 35:1-10

God of justice and peace, who blesses those who others exclude, be with leaders everywhere. We pray for respect, fairness and for all to be made welcome and known by name in our churches. Where there is conflict and break down in relationships we pray for peace and reconciliation. Where there is injustice, we pray for resilience and courage to oppose it. We pray for all those whose lives are dominated by powerlessness, cruelty and trauma of all kinds.

God of justice and peace, in your mercy,
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: Come and listen to me.

God of love, who sends us out to cure the sick, to cast out demons and to spread the medicine of the Gospel like St Luke; we pray for those who are struggling with their mental health and whose thoughts are troubled or tormented. Enfold them in your loving presence and give them peace from their anxiety and struggle. Help us, your Christian family to show love for each other, our friends, neighbours, strangers and those who find themselves on the edge, just as you show your love for us in Jesus.

God of love, in your mercy,
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: Come and listen to me.

God of healing, who cured the sick and gave sight to the blind, we give you thanks and pray for all those who care for people who are troubled in mind, body or spirit. Give skill, wisdom and resilience to all medical staff and carers.

God of healing, in your mercy,
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: Come and listen to me.

God our parent, who blesses those who weep, we pray for ourselves and our loved-ones. Strengthen our weak hands and make firm our feeble knees. Help us who are of a fearful heart, to hear you say: 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God!'
Comfort the dying and grieving, give rest to the weary, give hope and healing to the sick, and eventually bring us all home to you. We name in our own hearts now those who we know need your healing touch.

God our parent, in your mercy,
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: Come and listen to me.

God of wholeness, you asked Luke the Physician to share your story and to be a physician of the Soul. Through the wholesome medicine of the Gospel, help us, as your church, channel your love and power to heal, and show us how to use our hands and voices in a healthy way in your service.

Merciful God, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ, Amen