

Anglican-Lutheran Society

Annual General Meeting 17th March 2018

Intercessions offered during the Final Eucharist

The Rev Claire Wilson, A-LS Member from London

Let us give thanks for the manifold blessings we experience within the framework of the Church, Christ's body here on earth. We acknowledge with particular gratitude those ways in which the Anglican-Lutheran Society enriches our worship, challenges our thinking, and deepens our sense of community. We pray for grace to recognize the work of God's Spirit across the boundaries of denomination and creed, and for courage to open ourselves to new discoveries and experiences. May the love which unites Christians around the world prove, in the end, to be stronger than any disagreements which divide us;

We pray that as women and men who work together for God's Kingdom, our compassion may be unceasing and our welcome ever-flowing towards those who are marginalized and voiceless. Today in heart and mind we stand alongside all who have fled their homes because of war, oppression, religious persecution or other fears.

We hold before God those men and women who have the responsibility of making decisions about asylum applications. May they be given the wisdom and discernment which transcends statistics and economic targets, and which recognises all people as made in God's image. We pray that self-interested nationalism may never overrule our heavenly citizenship.

We ask God's blessing on those who work tirelessly to support children and young people arriving on their own in unfamiliar countries. While their journey can be dangerous, and their destination not guaranteed, we pray that they may yet experience warmth and welcome in such ways that their basic trust in humanity remains undamaged.

As we seek to uphold one another in a spirit of generosity and warmth, may we as a community find our faith renewed in the God whose unconditional love embraces and protects us at every moment and in all circumstances.

In a moment of silence, let us name in our hearts anyone known to us who is in special need of God's healing touch at this time, and all who now rest in God's nearer presence.

Into your hands, Gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour; Amen

