Lets Pray.

Father, we thank you that you are ever present., just waiting to hear from us...and we rejoice, and thank you that soon, our church doors may be opened again to welcome us individually - in prayer and quiet personal "being" with you in your house... Lord, on this second Sunday of Trinity, we are reminded that although our church doors have been closed - materially through your Holy Spirit... there are no closed doors to your love - and so in thankfulness we ask... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Faithful Lord, we thank you for your promise in scripture that "you are with us always". Be very close, we pray for all who have deep need of you at this pandemic time - to medical workers, scientists, government leaders and church leaders worldwide. Give wisdom and a desire for lasting universal co-operation in all their actions.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Compassionate Lord, we lift to you all who are suffering... the sick, bereaved, stressed families, the fearful, those suffering mental difficulties, isolation, loneliness. Those overwhelmed by unemployment, poverty, violence, war, displacement, famine, corruption, - by racial tensions and injustices....

We pray Lord, for a world graced by justice and righteousness, by love, care and compassion. Lord, as we reflect on all - we take a moment now to pray silently and privately for all whom we know have deep need of your loving presence.

Father, be in all our activities, bless particularly all the preparations for virtual Holiday Club. In your grace, give resilience to all leaders as they prepare; may the children have fun in meeting with you; may parents have respite...

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Unifying Lord, we pray for each other at St Pauls. We thank you that through your gift of the Holy Spirit alive in us and amongst us, you are growing our love, care and compassion for each other. We praise and thank you that through so many kind actions by people, and through prayer you are strengthening our "togetherness", our connectedness.

And Lord, as today, we say goodbye to our dearly loved friend, Sarah Richardson, may she know that our hearts are with her as she starts her Curacy. We thank her for her love for everyone, for her guidance, selfless dedication to us for her inspired teaching. As she sets out into the future, may she know that she will always be connected to us in our hearts and prayers. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, as we too, step out into our future with you, we thank you for the unprecedented universal wave of prayer in which you are bathing your world.....and through which you are reminding us that "You are with us always...."

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