

Let us pray.....

Heavenly Father, Hallowed be your name, we ask that you hear the prayers of our hearts as we long for a better world. Hear the prayers of our minds as we try to find new ways to worship you. Hear the prayer of our souls as we long to draw closer to you.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Lord God Emmanuel thank you that you are always with us, guiding and protecting us. Thank you that the Son sets us free and we are free indeed. Lord bless your church worldwide, raise up the next generations of faithful Christians, fill their hearts with your Holy spirit. We pray that Christian believers everywhere continue to abide in your word; and the truth shall set us free.

We pray for St Pauls' church and community, may your face shine upon us. We pray that your spirit will *always* dwell among us, going before us, and beside us, and bring us peace. We pray for all those who are given the honour of serving you at St Pauls', in any way they can, we are grateful for all the parts each plays in order to make worship possible. In particular we pray for our technical team who make online services possible for those who long to be here in person but cannot. We pray for our Clergy and for our mission. We pray for the people attending services in person to feel reassured by the safety precautions and feel safe enough to return to their church- home, may your angels guard all your church Lord.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord we pray for our world, and for the environment, we pray for investments to be made into conservation plans to prevent global warming. We pray you will fill each one of us with the desire to make small changes for a better greener future, for our children and our children's children. We pray for an end to the wildfires in California and for the people whose homes and lives have been affected by the devastation.

Healing Lord, we pray for a safe and effective vaccine for covid 19, for strategies to ensure safety for all. We pray for increased access and availability of tests and for us all to think of others who may be in need at this time

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Compassionate God we thank you for the men and women who you have raised up to serve you in all areas of the world. We thank you for the emergency services and first responders whose work sometimes puts them in dangerous circumstances in order to deliver safety and health to those at risk. We thank you for their hearts that have chosen sacrifice and service over self-preservation. Father, Give them strength and courage, Lord we pray for your protection and blessing upon them and their families.

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Compassionate God, we pray for the 23million **refugees worldwide**, as they make perilous journeys, fleeing from danger. We pray particularly for children travelling in extremely dangerous conditions. We **pray for the governments involved** May all those in authority act with wisdom when making decisions that impact refugees. **Lord** God we pray for peace and stability in the affected nations from which so many are forced to flee in search of freedom and safety.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation, be their comfort, their hope, their light. Lord we pray for any who as a result of coronavirus have had diagnoses and treatment delayed. May they get access to medical care and the help they need.

We pray for those we love: For those who have gone before us and for those who mourn.... In a moment of quiet now, we will each hold before you what is on our hearts today.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**