

As children of our Heavenly Father, trusting in his will and capacity to care for us all, let us pray.

Creator God, We pray for healing of all nations; for a recognition of our need for you Lord, and a turning away from all that is evil. We pray for peace in the world, for understanding between nations, religions and factions, for an end to violence, greed and conflict.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all in authority and worldly power, may you grant them wisdom beyond their own understanding and the courage to choose the right path no matter how narrow the gate especially at this difficult time of the ongoing Pandemic.

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

We pray for your church, for pastoral care, for the ministries of listening and counselling; the freeing from guilt, the sharing of difficulties, of our grief; the presence of friendship, help and support which we can all offer during this time of great need in our world and our community. When someone asks for our help, Lord let us not turn away, but instead let us offer our time. We pray for the grace to accompany others to Christ's healing love.

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

Father God we pray for any who due to coronavirus are facing financial difficulties, job or business insecurities, Lord we pray for your protection and your provision, for any who are struggling financially. *May we your church find ways to be your hands and feet to minister to the needs of others.*

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

Tender God, Your gentle and kind-hearted love always shields us. We pray for those of us who are feeling depressed or stressed.....for those struggling with the lockdown restrictions on our lives. Continue to cherish us all when we find it so difficult to cherish ourselves. Enable us to discover companions of compassion who will abide with us, as you abide in all things.

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

Forgiving God, send your healing forgiveness to all who are suffering feelings of guilt, shame or regret. Help to mend broken relationships. Be with all who feel that, they cannot enjoy life as it used to be. May those who are learning to live a new pattern of life feel that you are walking beside them.

We especially pray for the sick and suffering and give you thanks for those who are on the road to recovery. Father we ask for your on-going blessing of protection and strength of endurance for all the healthcare workers and carers who are your hands and feet caring for those who are sick at this time.

Lord we ask that your love may surround those who are travelling through death and bring them safely to heaven.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

We thank you heavenly father for drawing us close to you and stretching out your arms to us in welcome.

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