

Let's pray ...and in the silent spaces in our prayers, quietly, let's pray for anyone who God is laying on our hearts.

Loving Lord,

At this time, when our old familiar ways of worshipping together have been taken away, we thank you that **we** are never taken away from **YOU**, our faithful Shepherd. And so we ask.....

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

Comforting Lord, we pray this morning for children and young people everywhere, we lift to you especially those whose names you've placed on our hearts.... **(Pause.....)** Be in each of their needs and vulnerabilities, we pray... And be with each person, young or older who is ill - suffering loss, mental distress, isolation, loneliness, - or is unable to be with loved ones in their hour of need ....

Pour your comforting love into each heart, we pray

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

Lord In your local and wider world, we pray for people who are without homes, work, money, food...whose daily fear is how to feed and clothe their loved ones....**(Pause.....)**

And we pray for those who know only war, terror, prejudice....bring peace to Syria, Israel, Mozambique, America - we ask

Lord, in your grace may the challenging decisions that church, national and world leaders make, be guided by **compassionate caring** for the most vulnerable

Remind us that whatever we can do to help anyone, we do in your name...

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

Lord of light, as we enter this difficult winter, we give thanks for all volunteers and organisations working constantly to relieve suffering and hardship.

We thank you and pray for scientists developing new vaccines, bringing hope to the world. We pray for medical and care workers, for the NHS, for the emergency services.

Lord, in gratitude, we lift to you now those whose names are dear to us.....**(Pause.....)**

"Christ the King" – our faithful shepherd. We celebrate and praise your day, today. We place our hope in you and in your guiding light...as in humility and trust we ask.. **Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

