

Loving Father we come with thankful hearts before you, grateful that we can rest in your presence and bring our prayers to you. We thank you for being with us through both the ups and the downs, the joys and the challenges. You never leave us or forsake us, you watch over us when we are awake and whilst we sleep.

Lord in your mercy - hear our prayer

Father God we thank you that by your death and resurrection, you made a way for us to have a relationship with you, regardless of our faults and failings, you still love us and long for us to walk with you daily. You call us by name, chosen by you, your child and your friend.

Lord in your mercy - hear our prayer

Lord, it's so good to have Tim Lomax with us here today and ask that you would continue to anoint him as Director of Mission and Ministry, we pray a special blessing over him as he shares with us today. We ask that his time with us will be special and enriching. We lift all clergy in our diocese and across the country to you, we ask that you will continue to bless them in all they do, that you will provide them with wisdom in all the decisions they have to make, compassion for those in need and provide a shining light in the midst of those who are battling dark times.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

Father we thank you for the faithfulness of all our ministry team at St Pauls and ask that you will continue to bless them in their service for you. We are so grateful for all that they do regardless of how big or small. We thank you for those who have fed the hungry, prayed with the sick, taught our little ones, delivered packs of resources and so much more. We are so thankful for all their hard work in growing your kingdom here on earth.

Lord in your mercy - hear our prayer

Lord as we approach the next phase of easing lockdown restrictions, we ask that you would keep each of us safe as we are able to see more family and friends again. We ask for your protection and covering as people are slowly able to mix again. We pray for those with struggling businesses that you will bless them and guide their way. We continue to pray for those medical professionals and scientists as they

work to support us all. Give them a special blessing and wisdom in all they do. We thank you for their constant dedication in helping people and fighting covid.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer

Father God we pray for our government as it continues to bring us through the pandemic, we are grateful that we are now able to meet in church, please make your presence known to those unable to come in person as they join us online. We pray for your healing touch on those in our church family who are struggle with poor health, we ask that you would wrap your arms around them and bring healing, comfort and peace. We thank you that you are God who heals and changes lives in the same way today as you did when you were here in earth.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord you are the giver of peace. So many people are struggling with dark times, weighed down by the heaviness of depression and the worries that at times can be so debilitating. We pray you will be the lifter of their heads, lighten their hearts and give them your everlasting peace. Replace sadness with your joy that always replaces mourning.

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