

Lord thank you for the privilege of prayer of coming to you our father in heaven with our petitions.

We acknowledge that some of us are tired and we ask for new energy

Some of us are in sorrow and despair and we ask for your hope and joy

We acknowledge before you our selfishness enable us to treat others as ourselves

We acknowledge before you our prejudices and readiness to judge and ask that we might show grace to others.

We acknowledge before you our lack of understanding and ask for wisdom.

In all things Lord we acknowledge our need to put our trust in you and to seek you first above all else.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Father God only you know our all our thoughts and desires, the darkness and uncleanness within each of us, holy spirit we ask, come and cleanse us deep within. We pray for our relationships, within the church, with family and friends, at work and at leisure, help us to be loving, giving, true, honest and open, forgiving and seeking forgiveness. My we not simply follow tradition but be open to the leading of your holy spirit to bring our worship and share the gospel in new ways according to your will.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

At this time around the world there are so many refugees fleeing war, persecution, famine, natural disasters, we think especially at this time of those in Afghanistan desperate to leave for their own safety, we cry out to you on their behalf. O Lord, have mercy on them, grant them perseverance, hope, give those helping them wisdom and compassion, we pray that governments will act together with compassion to provide safe passage and that we will be prepared to welcome them and reach out to them showing your love.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord as children return to school soon after such a disruptive period we pray for them and their teachers . Grant teachers wisdom and encouragement to provide the commitment, skill and sensitivity required to assist children to develop their gifts and reach their potential in a safe and encouraging environment. We pray for the children that they will feel valued each according to their abilities.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Eternal Lord God almighty with the psalmist we say:

Your mercy is great above the heavens, your truth reaches to the clouds, be exalted O God above the heavens and your glory above all the earth.

Merciful father accept these prayers for the sake of your son Jesus Christ Amen

