

Father God we declare that the heavens and all creation declares your glory. As we continue to explore and try to understand the wonders of your beautiful creation on earth and in space, the majesty, complexity and yet order of it all, we are in awe. Your universe is vast beyond our comprehension, and yet you are with each of us who acknowledge you, by your spirit, our father in heaven for which we give you our praise and our worship, Lord God Almighty.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord Jesus you know what it means to give your life for others. On this remembrance Sunday We remember today all those from this country who have made the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives in world wars and recent conflicts. We pray for all their families and friends remembering and mourning their loss. We pray for your spirit of compassion to be with them and grant them peace.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord we pray for all those trying to end conflicts and bring peace, those trying to bring compromise and reconciliation in countries with internal divisions, political and ethnic so that people may live in peace with their neighbours and with trust of those in power. Grant them courage, wisdom and support in their endeavours to save so many from the pain and suffering of conflict. We ask that you would challenge world leaders with the vision of a common humanity all made in your image to be leaders who aim to bring peace, justice and equality.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

We pray for those made homeless by war, refugees, those orphaned, those maimed, those mentally scarred, those continuing to live in fear, that they may find refuge, healing and peace. We pray for the breaking down of barriers due to race, religion, culture all that aims to separate us, Lord we long for your kingdom to come in its fulness, help us through the gift of your holy spirit to play our part to welcome all and to show your love to this community in which we live.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

At this special time of remembrance we take time now to remember those we know who have died in the past year, those suffering illness, Lord, comfort those who mourn their loss and bring healing to those who are ill.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Jesus we acknowledge that it is in you that our hope for the future is held. We give thanks for the assurance that no matter how the world appears around us our future is secure with you, that we can draw near now and always. Help us to be open to share and encourage each other as we look to serve you here and beyond bringing hope to others.

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