

Let us pray...Heavenly Father help us to 'Be Still' now as we come before you in prayer, open our spiritual ears to hear you as we pray.

Short silence

Gracious God, your Son Jesus began his ministry at a wedding and showed us the abundance of your wonderful love for us. May Jesus continue to transform our everyday lives into the new wine of your kingdom on earth.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Father God, we pray for your world and the problems faced by so many. Govern the hearts and minds of all world leaders and all those in authority that they will lead and work honestly and openly.

We pray for all who live under the threat of war, hatred and poverty. We pray especially for the people of Afghanistan. In a moment of silence please pray for another situation or place that is on your mind this morning.

Silence 5 seconds

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Lord Emmanuel, we pray for the Church and for Christians worldwide, we are ever grateful that you love us and bless us all with different gifts of the Holy Spirit. We pray that you help us all to use our gifts for the common good, as you determine.

*We pray together 'Come Holy Spirit'; Fill us afresh with your spirit, enabling us not through our own abilities but through YOUR glorious power to shine the light and love of Jesus to the world..... 'Come, Holy Spirit' Bless us ALL Lord with the gift of **FAITH**, (PAUSE) may we use the gifts of the Spirit to reveal your glory and help others to believe.*

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

We pray for the ministry and mission of St Paul's, in particular we pray for the Youth and Youth ministry- as it faces times of leadership change, may you lead and guide new Youth leaders who will passionately seek to share the gospel of Christ with young people today. We pray you give our Youth leaders the wisdom, strength, authority and grace that they need to lead youth groups, and may they be inspiring role models, challenged to reach out to each and every young person, to show the love of Jesus in their actions, attitudes and speech.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

We pray for those considering the alpha course are filled with courage and conviction to explore deeper questions about faith and for your spirit and protection over those who lead and help with the alpha course.

We pray for your blessing on all the connect groups, and for all those considering or involved to grow in love through new and deepened friendships made during these groups. May all feel welcomed and engaged, Father use this ministry to grow your Kingdom.

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

Merciful God, as the pandemic continues, we thank you for the NHS and for all healthcare staff, for all who work caring for the sick and struggling, may they treat all in their care with dignity, skill and respect. We pray that they will be strengthened when they are tired and weary. We pray for all those who are uncertain about having the coronavirus vaccine to be reassured by your protection and guidance.

Lord, we lift up all who need to seek help, enable them to get the medical care they need.

We pray for those who are suffering or in pain, we ask for the comfort, reassurance, and warmth of your love to heal them. In a moment of silence please pray for anyone who is on your mind this morning.

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

Almighty God, we pray the families and friends of those who have died recently and those whose anniversary falls at this time of year. May they find comfort and hope in your love and in the love and compassion of those around them.

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

Gracious God May we be comforted and patient in times of waiting, in the knowledge that Lord Emmanuel you are with us always, preparing us. Even the Lord Jesus waited until His hour had come, reminded that sometimes the best wine is saved until last.

We pray for all this trusting and believing in you.

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

Let us say together the Lord's prayer:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.