

Father we thank you for the mercy and salvation which you have given us through our Lord Jesus, fill us afresh we pray that we will be become the people you wish us to be, ready to act according to your will for the transformation of the world around us and the glory of your Name.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord there is so much need in the world, so many in our own community in need, physical, financial, emotional and spiritual, help us to not just be compassionate but actively involved, to be generous in our resources to meet these needs as best we can, we know that working with you we can be transformative. We remember your compassion, your grace, your forgiveness and your action in meeting with the poor, the sick and the marginalised. Help us to be active in whatever ways we can.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

We come again and cry out to you for peace makers to resolve the conflict in Ukraine. Open the hearts and minds of those directly involved to the suffering of the people through loss of loved ones, homes, jobs, though injury and fear. Give all those trying to end the conflict through diplomacy and dialogue, courage, wisdom and compassion. We pray for all those who lead nations that they would have the vision of a common humanity made in your image, that they would strive for peace not conflict.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Mindful of the recent local elections Lord we pray for all those whom we elect to have authority and to make decisions which affect our lives, in particular MPs and local council members. We pray that they will act with integrity, wisdom and impartiality acting in the interests of all. We give thanks for their willingness to take on these roles subjecting themselves to public scrutiny and the burden of responsibility. We pray for their protection from abuse.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

As the school exam period approaches we pray for all children about to take exams, especially those fearful, those struggling with expectations, those feeling over whelmed, we ask for your peace to be with them.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

God of love We pray for all those working in care homes, hospices, and others ministering to those in the last stages of their life, that that would feel valued and experience your peace. We give thanks for their dedication, compassion and willingness to serve in this way.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Like the great multitude in John's vision, we also say in a loud voice:

Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the lamb Amen!

Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength

Be to our God for ever and ever Amen!

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