

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to our Heavenly Father.

Almighty God, Creator of all, as we come before you help us to SLOW DOWN, we ask you to quieten our minds and our souls 'enabling us to focus only on you.

Loving Lord, help us to be like Mary, in a world pushing us to be like Martha - to do more, to be more, and accomplish more - rather than spending time just resting at your feet. Please help us to change our perspective and our priorities so that we might be more like Mary each day. Help us to make time to sit in your loving presence, and listen.

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

Father God, we pray for our world today. We pray for peace and hope to abound. Many have been troubled by natural disasters, conflict, and the results of a global pandemic. In challenging times, help us turn to you as our source of strength and hope. Merciful Lord, we offer a prayer for your peace to be with all those who have suffered and continue to do so.

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

Father, we pray for our Nation and our Government, as party members vote for who will be the next British Prime minister, we pray you will raise up the candidate of your will, a leader who will lead our country with integrity, truth and compassion.

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

Lord, we pray for all those who are feeling stress and anxiety due to the rising cost of living. We pray that you grant world leaders the wisdom and means to curb inflation for the good of all. Help those who are struggling, especially the vulnerable, to find help. We pray for charities and people who volunteer their time to help others.

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

We pray for your church worldwide and in particular for St Pauls'. We give thanks for our leaders, for the wisdom they share with us and all the ways St Pauls' shines your light and love to all.

We pray for the challenge of fundraising for a new roof and we thank you for the provision of donations already received. We pray you bring forth willing hands to volunteer, willing minds with ideas and innovations to plan, all while having fun, building fellowships, and ultimately raising funds and hopes for the future, in Jesus' name.

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

As schools break up for Summer we pray for young people and for families. We are grateful for this time of rest, a break from busy schedules, deadlines and exams. A time to slow down, to spend some quality time with friends and loved ones. We pray for Summer holidays to be a time of contentment and joy in experiencing all the beauty of your creation.

We pray for our Church holiday to New wine, we pray for the building of faith, and fellowships in Jesus' name.

Loving God, We pray for and give specific thanks for Emma Vernon. We thank you for all the ways, Emma demonstrates your heart of love in her service for the community, through leading the holiday club, the community cafe and in Youth ministry. We give you thanks for the blessing

of the children at St Paul's, for the helpers and leaders who devote their time to guiding the next generation in their growing relationship and knowledge of You and Your word.

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

Merciful Lord, You know each of our personal challenges and needs. As we thank you for the **peace** you leave with us, silently we remember your words from John's gospel '**Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid**' (John 14:26–27). In a moment of silence we will raise our concerns to you (Short silence)

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

Loving Father, your love reaches beyond the grave. May those who have gone before us rest in your eternal peace. We remember those who have died and we pray for all in mourning (Short Silence)

Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All

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.