

Almighty God with the psalmist we say:

It is good to praise you and make music to your name O most high. To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. We sing for joy at the work of your hands. How great are your works O Lord how profound your thoughts, you O Lord are exalted for ever.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for all those who have left their home countries through famine, persecution, violence or war, who are refugees longing for a safer, better life. We pray that they will be able to find peace, safety and an opportunity to live fulfilled lives. We pray that nations will work together to find solutions, not seeing it as a problem to be passed between them but an opportunity to show their compassion and evidence of our common humanity.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Creator God we have seen recently how fragile is our world, so damaged by our greed, selfishness and thoughtlessness. You filled the earth with beauty and provision for our well being and enjoyment but we particularly in recent years are destroying it for our own short term aims. You gave us the freedom to rule over your creation, may we be advocates for all that makes for the well being of our planet, open to discernment in our own lives and those around us that we will be good custodians of all that you have given us and for the benefit of future generations.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord as we look forward to shortly having a new prime minister to lead this country, we pray that whichever candidate it is, that they will rule with honesty and integrity, that they will seek and be given wisdom as they make the major decisions which affect lives in this country and abroad.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

We pray for all those involved with outreach to help the local community in this church that they will be able to serve with joy knowing the difference they are making and that they are showing your love for the those in need. We pray that your holy spirit will guide us to be generous with our time and money so that there will continue to be sufficient resources to meet the ever- growing need around us. To those in need in the ever- increasing financial crisis we pray that their needs will be met and that all those able to make a difference, government(national and local), businesses, charities and ourselves will come together with a common aim to help the those struggling to meet their basic needs.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

God almighty, we bring these prayers thankful that we can come into your presence, our father in heaven through the new covenant in Jesus, but we recognise that you remain the awesome, almighty, creator God. Thank you that we do not have to come in fear but in the knowledge of your love for us and the intimacy that comes from your holy spirit with us.

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