

Father; as we enter a new season, a new school year, a new chapter for our church - we give you thanks for helping us through 2022 so far. As the days begin to draw in and the evenings get longer, we pray for the light of your love as a blessed relief and inspiration.

Lord, in your mercy - hear our Prayer

Our church family is always changing shape. With every sad loss in our midst, you grant us newness of life. As we welcome new members into our flock, we pray for those who are still in the wilderness, looking for guidance and safety. May the lighthouse you have created in St Paul's become their safe haven and source of growth.

Lord, in your mercy - hear our Prayer.

Backstabbing and personal gain seems to be the way politicians and big businesses deal with their responsibilities in this age. May they, sooner rather than later, realise that their behaviour is inspired by greed and will only bring darkness to their souls.

We pray that the decision makers of this world may experience the glorious cleansing of the soul that following your word gives.

Lord, in your mercy - hear our Prayer.

Jesus, your Son and our Saviour. You granted us his presence so that we may learn to love ourselves as well as each other. May your love reach even the furthest corners of the world, even the darkest crannies of the human mind.

Lord, in your mercy - hear our Prayer.

Everything in our existence is down to you. From the Big Bang to the miracle of childbirth. Your amazing power and desire to create a beautiful world for us to populate is awe-inspiring. Please forgive us for mistreating the planet and help mankind realise that we need to treat her with more respect.

Lord, in your mercy - hear our Prayer.

Nothing happens without your knowing Lord. You see every tear drop, every grimace and every smile. As we think of those we love who are currently experiencing hardship and heartbreak, we lift them to you as we pray

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In the beginning it was you Lord, and you will be with us to the very end. May we always keep this knowledge close to our hearts as we go into the world to love and serve you.

Lord, accept these prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, your son, our Saviour.

AMEN