

Our father in heaven in this time following the funeral and national remembrance for the life of our Queen, Elizabeth we bring before you now all those who we personally know who are in mourning for their loved ones. (Break) We ask that you be gracious to them that they may find comfort from those around them and peace through your holy spirit.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord God almighty, Nehemiah obeyed what you had put in his heart and was obedient to you despite the odds against him. We pray for all those in leadership in this country, particularly our new prime minister and ministerial team. We pray that they would recognise your ultimate authority and would seek your guidance. Give them wisdom we pray and the courage to rule with honesty and humility.

Lord in your mercy hear our pray

Lord God with the increasing threat of escalation of the war in Ukraine and ever more vitriolic voices, we cry out to you that the voices of the peacemakers will be heard, that politicians and world leaders with influence will be given courage and wisdom to continue to work for peace that the suffering in so many ways of those in Ukraine and those who are losing loved ones in Russia will end. We pray that those who expose the truth in this conflict, in the governance of our own country and in other regimes will prevail, that truth will overcome lies and deception.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord God we thank you for the freedom we have in this country to express, share and live out our faith in you. In many countries your people have no such freedom, some meet in secret, some are banned from sharing their faith, many are persecuted in various ways, the cost to many is immense but Lord we know that prayer has no borders, no boundaries, no state or dictator can stop them. So Lord we ask for protection for your people, courage in adversity and a joy in their hearts that no one can take away as they put their trust in you.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Jesus we know what you require of us. Holy spirit you challenge us, you comfort us, you empower us, you give life to us, you inspire us, help us to share with confidence the wonder of the gospel, in quiet words and exuberant worship, in the knowledge that Jesus you have all authority in heaven and on earth and are with us through the holy spirit now and always. Help us to be true witnesses of your life changing love.

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