

Almighty and Everlasting God, we ask you to hear us as we pray for your Church, the world, our local community and people in need.

On this Mothering Sunday thank you for all those who care for us. We thank you for giving them compassion, grace and love displayed in your image. We pray for new mums, mums who struggle to bring children up in uncertain times, mums in war zones where safety and protection are not a constant. We pray for mums who have lost children or couldn't look after their own. We pray for those who have lost mums or care givers, to remember fondly their love they shared. We give thanks for those who have stepped up to take on the role of a mother, grandparents, fathers, friends, step families, through foster and adoption that all love has meaning.

Lord in your mercy.....

We pray for families and communities who struggle to feel and share love, that they may be brought together on this day. A day when we remember and celebrate the gifts given from those around us. For the sacrifices and time they have given us for the memories they have shared and guidance they have provided. Please give them love, strength and patience and give us the inspiration to share and be thankful for all people that care for us.

Lord God,
Thank you for everything that is good
about our life together in this community,
and help us to care for one another,
to be good neighbours, and good friends.
We think of those close to us who are in need,
and we don't understand
why they have to suffer.
But we ask you to bless them,
and love them, as we love them.

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Lord, in your mercy,

Lord God

We thank you for our mid week groups, we pray for all who serve you through home groups, connect groups, Alpha, kids and young peoples groups. Thank you for those who have recently come forward to help serve in the life of St. Pauls.

We thank you for those who have worshipped and served here over the years.

Grant that all who enter its doors may be enabled to renew their relationship with you and may find your peace, your strength and above all your presence. Help us as a congregation to be outward looking, so that what we find within our fellowship we may share with those outside.

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