

Lord Jesus we thank you for the freedom that we have in this country to meet and express our faith in you, to celebrate you our risen saviour, Hallelujah. May our words, actions and lives be living examples of the hope, forgiveness and healing which is to be found in you. We thank you for the privilege that we have to bring our prayers to you.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Merciful father we come to you on behalf of those suffering due to war and internal conflicts, we think particularly of those in Sudan, Ukraine, Myanmar and Yemen, longing for peace, those who have lost loved ones, those who are injured, those who have lost everything, those now refugees who long to return home. Those suffering anxiety, hardship, filled with despair, Open the eyes and minds of those in power we pray, to seek peace and justice, to be leaders who bring hope and freedom and not war and oppression. We ask for safety for all those seeking to bring relief to people who are suffering due to those who seek power above all else.

Lord In your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for all those in this church leading work with children and young people. We pray that you would give them wisdom, inspiration and encouragement. Through this work we pray that our children and young people will continue to grow in their enthusiasm, knowledge and faith in you to become your future church. We give thanks for the gift that they are to this church.

Lord, we know how you welcomed children, their importance to you, we pray for all those who are disadvantaged, through neglect, abuse, poverty, denied the opportunity to thrive and fulfil their potential, we bring them before you now. Prosper the work of all those working to try and give them a better life and future, in this country and abroad as they show care and love towards these children and give them hope.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

With the local elections coming this week, we pray to you God of all wisdom for all elected politicians in local government. We pray that their minds and hearts will lead them to work with integrity and honesty and that they will be given wisdom to act in the best interests of all.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For Charles our earthly king, we pray that you will give him the spiritual and earthly gifts to enable him to fulfil the promises to be made at his coronation. We pray that he will seek your wisdom, guidance and strength to live the life of service to us and you.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for ourselves that by your spirit we would be encouraged to meet together, to pray together, to learn together, to have fellowship together, to share what we have both among your church but especially among those in need in our community. May we be generous with all that we have, open about our faith that those around us will be drawn to you Lord Jesus. We pray that we may go in peace and confidence to share your love with those around us, to make known the wonderful amazing truth of your death, resurrection, and the gift of the holy spirit. As Paul writing to the church in Corinth put it, may we spread everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of you.

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