

The Lord is here

We know that we are your children whom you love despite our failings. All our deepest thoughts are known by you.

We can live in your presence

The Lord is here because his spirit is with us.

Father we thank you for the gift of the holy spirit by which we know that you are with us at all times and everywhere.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord God, we thank you for the freedom that we have in this country to express our faith in you, to be able to acknowledge you in public without fear. We pray for those for whom this is not possible, for those who are in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. Give them a deep inner peace which the world cannot take away, an assurance of their worth and confidence in the face of adversity. We pray that that all people may be able to openly worship you without fear, persecution or prejudice.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

We pray for all those supported by this church in mission both here and abroad who have dedicated their lives to sharing your love and your message of hope to every language, people and nation. We pray that you would give them wisdom to make the right decisions, an assurance that they are in your will, and success in their labours that they will be encouraged.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Lord, we pray for all those known to us seeking healing in body, mind and spirit. We know that medical science can heal but you can be transformative bringing healing, peace, hope and freedom beyond science. We name before you now those whom we know are in need of your healing.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus you know what it means to be homeless. We think of all those in this country who are homeless or risk being homeless through rising costs. We pray that those in charities, local authorities and government will have sufficient resource to enable all those who are homeless to have a home, security and to rebuild their lives. We pray for the eradication of homelessness here through generosity and dedicated and direct policies.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

God of grace, we pray that we would be salt and light to the community around us. Give us courage to be open about our faith, to acknowledge you before all, that those around will be drawn to you, to show that there are no barriers, that your church offers a place of acceptance to all, that your kingdom life is available to all. Help us to show in our lives the joy, and fullness of life that comes only from you.

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