Almighty God, ruler and creator of the universe, thank you for the privilege that we can come to have a conversation with you as our father, to share with you our inner most thoughts at anytime and anywhere. Thank you that your holy spirit dwells in each of us who believes in Jesus and that we can have this deeply personal relationship with you. Thank you for the knowledge that no amount of rubbish which we may collect within ourselves in this life can separate us from your love. To God the father and to Jesus be praise and worship now and forever.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

We pray for Jeni, Nick, Jess and all on the PCC as they look to build on the spiritual foundations left by others at this church. We ask that their decisions, motivation and acts will be in humility but full of the power of God, with the aim of building up the lives of this church, that we may be salt and light in this community, to make Jesus known and the kingdom of God revealed.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

God of peace and justice. We pray for world leaders, those who boast of their power, that the folly of their wisdom would be revealed to them and that they would seek peace and justice and not war and conflict. We are so aware of the suffering of people in the Middle East, Sudan, Ethiopia, Ukraine and others where the desire for power by a few is driving hundreds of thousands into loss of loved ones and homes; injury, famine and hopelessness. Open the minds of those who seek such power to use it to bring peace and prosperity.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Merciful father, we thank you that we can meet and openly express our faith in safety in this country. We pray for all those many Christians who live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. We pray for those imprisoned for their faith, those discriminated against, those forced to leave their homes, those in danger of persecution, that you would be grant them courage, wisdom how to live, hope and a special awareness of your presence through the holy spirit with them in their adversity.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

In our own community many are suffering illness, physical and mental. We name before you now all those who we know who are in need of healing. (Break) We gives thanks for the work of medical teams but we know that you can reach into the deepest part of our being and be transformative physically and mentally, so we ask that those whom we have named will experience your healing touch.

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