

Praise to God the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks for the riches of God's grace lavished on us who are so unworthy. We give thanks for the gift of the holy spirit that dwells within us and is guarantor of our inheritance. We pray that your love father would be reflected in our actions, your wisdom in our speech, the knowledge of our relationship with you would come from our hearts.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer,

Lord Jesus it is a privilege in this country to be able to choose those to govern us in an open and honest system. We pray for all those who have been elected to serve us in the next parliament. Grant them wisdom and give them hearts to rule with justice, morality and compassion, looking to serve all.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

As we have prayed for those to serve and lead this country, we pray for all who serve in this church, for Jeni, Nick, Jess and the PCC as they seek to lead in accordance with your purposes that you will give them wisdom and guidance. We also pray for all the many others who serve this church often in ways which are less visible. Grant them we pray that they will be encouraged and joyful in the knowledge that they are also vital to the on- going mission of this church for we all have our different gifts to bring.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

God of peace, justice and compassion. In a week when we have witnessed the injury and death of in particular yet more innocent children in a number of conflicts around the world, we come to you Lord Almighty and plead on their behalf for the voices of reason and peace to be heard. We pray for a change in perspective from the leaders, whilst tens of thousands suffer, for their hearts to be open to compassion and not a ruthless determination to win at all cost. Quickly bring peace to these troubled countries we pray.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord, we bring before you all those who are obedient to your call to give their lives specifically to witness for you in this country and abroad. We pray that they would be encouraged and see abundant fruits for their labours. We pray for their well- being and a deep dwelling of your holy spirit. Give them guidance, the words to say and a boldness to share the hope and love that comes through Jesus. For those whom we partner with, may we be open to meet their needs and to provide encouragement and may they have grace and peace in abundance.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Jesus, we thank you that we are free, not free to do as we wish but free with an inner peace that comes from our relationship with you. We pray that your holy spirit would be set free in us that we would be free in our worship of you, and free as we serve you, in accordance with your will.

Merciful father, accept these prayers on behalf of your son our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen