

Father in heaven, as we come into your holy presence, some of us are tired and we ask for new energy.

Some of us are in sorrow and despair and we ask for your hope and joy and to be able to persevere.

We acknowledge before you our lack of understanding on many matters, our small view and ask for your wisdom.

We know of our need to put our trust in you at all times, irrespective of how life is and to seek you above all else, we pray, help us to achieve this.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord Jesus In a world with so much darkness and need to bring light into the world around us. We pray for all involved in outreach from this church into the community, for encouragement, joy in their work as they shine light into dark places and show your love to those around us.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

We give thanks that we are able to live in peace and our basic needs met. We pray for all those today particularly in the Middle East, Sudan and Ukraine for whom today continues to be a day of pain, loss and hopelessness. It is hard for us to comprehend the full impact of war on their lives as we observe from afar the pointless injury and death of our fellow human beings. We pray that their cries will move the hearts and minds of those who seek conflict, to rather seek a peaceful solution, to replace bitterness and hatred with healing and trust, peace and justice for the benefit of all.

In these situations, are many working for aid agencies and medical charities seeking to bring relief and hope whilst often putting their own lives at risk, we pray for their protection.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

In our world so many rule through power, fear and corruption. We pray for our own government and opposition. We pray that they would seek to rule with integrity, truth and compassion and that they will set aside selfish ambition and seek to rule in the interests of all. Grant them your wisdom in their decision making

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Father in heaven, so great, powerful, majestic and holy, we are in awe and full of wonder and amazement that you give us so individually so much attention, being with us wherever we are and how ever we are. Thank you that we have the knowledge and experience of the holy spirit through faith in Jesus, that each of us can have the wonder of a life lived daily in your presence. We pray that this incredible relationship will be reflected in our words and actions this coming week and beyond.

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