

Heavenly Father,

You are our God of hope, our God of righteousness, the source of all truth. Lead us gently to a quiet place of worship, where we can sense Your presence and listen for Your loving voice.

We humbly acknowledge that we don't have all the answers, nor do we always understand the hardships we face. Yet, in the midst of uncertainty, we take comfort in Your word. We are grateful for the story of Job, with all its twists and turns, reminding us of Your sovereignty, Your strength, and Your depth of wisdom.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Sovereign Lord, we humbly call upon you, recognising our deep need for your intervention in our world today. We witness the devastating impact of war on innocent lives, the destruction of communities, and nations struggling to find a path toward peace. Lord, we continue to cry out as we lift these nations up to you, praying for hearts to seek reconciliation, for violence to end, and for your peace to reign.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, you have brought us into your glorious light, and we pray for your powerful hand of protection over our children and young people this Halloween season. We thank you that they can choose to celebrate You. We are deeply grateful that, as your church, we have the opportunity this week, to offer a different and more meaningful time of fun. We ask for your abundant blessings to be upon Emma and Claire as they lead these activities.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Gracious and Loving Father, we lift up ourselves and those known to us.

We bring before you all those whose lives are burdened by illness, or are darkened by sorrow or bereavement. We hold in our hearts Ian McMullen & the fond memories we have. We lift up Judi and her family, asking for your comfort and care at this time of sadness. We also pray for the members of our church family who are now in care homes, too frail to be with us in person but who have faithfully served here at St. Paul's for many years. We are grateful for the footprints of those who have gone before us, paving the way for our worship today.

Above all, we thank you Jesus, for without You, this gathering would hold no meaning. So let us...

Behold Him, as He walks amongst us; lets **Behold Him** who is enough; lets **Behold Him**, who desires more for us than we could ever imagine.

MERCIFUL FATHER

ACCEPT THESE PRAYERS

FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

AMEN