

Lord God almighty we thank you for the privilege of prayer. Thank you that when we seek you, you answer us, that in you we can completely trust. Thank you that when we struggle to find words in the depths of our being that the holy spirit intercedes on our behalf.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord, we acknowledge before you that some of us are tired and we ask for renewed energy

Some of us are in sorrow and despair and we ask for your hope and joy

We acknowledge our lack of understanding and ask for wisdom.

In all things we acknowledge our need to put our trust in you.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray that we will be community used by you where people find compassion, integrity, love and peace that will demonstrate your love for them. We pray for all those directly involved serving in this church in this that they will find joy and encouragement in this work. May we all be through the power of the holy spirit transformative to the community in which we live. Come holy spirit and help us to be open to your leading in how to effectively use our gifts, abilities, time and money in your service in this church and beyond.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus there is such a need for peace in the world today, so many who are longing for peace whilst their leaders speak of war. We pray for all those striving to bring peace in the many conflicts in this world, we ask that they would be given wisdom and courage to challenge those who seek conflict. Open the eyes and minds we pray of those who seek conflict to the suffering of their own people and of those whom they fight. We give thanks for the peace which we enjoy and we pray for our government, especially our prime minister, to be given wisdom as they seek to negotiate the complexities of the current world to allow us to live in peace.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

In our ever increasing digital world full of competing messages, mis information, scams and threats we ask for wisdom especially for parents trying to help children to understand and recognise the dangers whilst enjoying the benefits which it brings. We pray that those who control the social media platforms will have the conscience to moderate how they operate to provide sufficient safe guards.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

God our father, thank you that when life is good and when it is difficult and painful we can have an inner peace which is beyond the worlds understanding, a peace deep inside in the knowledge that despite the circumstances we are loved by you. As we give thanks for our own peace help us holy spirit to exercise the fruits of the spirit that we might live at peace with all.

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