

### **Heavenly Father**

We come together at this time of worship to give thanks for your ever loving presence in our lives.

We pray for the people of Beirut who are suffering greatly at this time from the explosion which has taken so many lives, and injured countless more. Draw near to them Lord with your love, comfort and healing hands, and be with the emergency services and all others who seek to help.

May our hearts remain open to the awareness of the great suffering we witness each day in countries throughout the world, and bring those affected into our thoughts and prayers.

### **Lord in your mercy Hear our prayers**

In these uncertain times, we are thankful that you watch over our communities, give guidance to those in positions of leadership and authority and grant them wisdom that they may make the right decisions for the good of all. We are thankful for the NHS and all others involved in the welfare of our country. We pray for our teachers as they decide on the best way for our children to return to school in safety.

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We give thanks for our Churches and Ministry Teams everywhere, and in particular our own Parish at this time, as we seek to find a new Rector. You know the needs of your Church in every place and we ask that you grant us the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Be with all those involved in the Parish Profile as they work to be faithful in seeking your will. **Lord in your mercy Hear our prayers**

We pray for a spirit of love and compassion at this time as we remember how you offered comfort and healing as you went about your ministry. We commit to you all who are suffering illness of any kind, those named on our news sheet and those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. May they feel your love and be comforted.

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Thank you that through your grace and goodness we can now open St James again for services and we are thankful for our Churchwardens, the Ministry Team and all others who have worked hard to achieve it. As we come together again we pray for others who don't know the joys of fellowship within a Christian community. Help us welcome them in and use us to be a witness to the love of Jesus to those who are lost.

### **Merciful Father**

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN**

