

Almighty God today finds us in the midst of the Week of Prayer for Christian unity; help us to listen to your voice still calling us to unity in our diversity. You made us to be one body and of one spirit, and so we pray that we might establish friendly relationships among all faith groups and tear down the walls of indifference and hatred making our unity visible and bringing healing to the world.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for all who work for justice and solidarity, and for all world leaders that they will continue to seek for an end to the suffering caused by war and violence, injustice and inequality, disease and prejudice, poverty and hopelessness and bring healing to the world. We pray especially for the Holy Land and Peace for the Holy city of Jerusalem.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we raise before you this morning those who are sick, sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for those who have departed this life and ask you, through your loving kindness, to have mercy on their souls. Be with the bereaved in their loneliness and give them the faith to look beyond their present troubles to your Son Jesus Christ who died and rose again and who lives forevermore.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, as we prepare for the weeks ahead help us to remember that we are sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us overcome our conflicts, our divisions and our self-seeking, and to be united to one another by the power the Holy Spirit.

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**