

## **Heavenly Father**

Your love has brought us together today and we feel blessed that we can draw strength from each other and from you. Help us to strengthen your church, to be united in love, understanding, forgiveness and compassion. Guide us to those without faith, hope or love and show them how they too, can wait joyfully for the return of your Son Jesus Christ.

**Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.**

We bring the people of your world before you, as we continue to fight Covid and other sickness and ask you to be with all who suffer. May your love that never fails, give hope to the weak, encourage the fearful, calm the anxious and heal the sick. Give strength to our innermost being with your love that bears all things, even the weight of this Pandemic.

**Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.**

**Heavenly Father.** Shine your light on our nations and leaders and help them to govern with wisdom and clarity as they take important decisions affecting millions of people. We pray they will open their hearts to you and be willing to be guided along paths that can lead to more unity and love, more patience and consideration for each other.

Thank you for our NHS whose staff risk their own lives daily for others, and we pray for their safekeeping through your love for them.

Be with our Church, Clergy and Ministry Teams everywhere and we give thanks that they can draw on your strength when they feel overwhelmed.

In our own Parish, as we continue our search for a new Rector, we ask for guidance, patience, and fortitude for the team as they move on through the process.

**Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.**

**Merciful God.** Draw close to those named on our news sheet who are suffering illness, anxiety, loneliness. We pray you will ease their pains and they will find comfort in your presence.

Your love reaches beyond death and we pray that those who have gone before us rest in your eternal peace.

We remember before you all who have died and those who we still grieve for. We ask you to comfort the families of those named on our news sheet and be with them in their loss.

**Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.**

**Loving God** Be present with us now and keep us all in your care. Help us look out for neighbours near and far and strive to live peacefully together. We pray for determination through this time of trial and as we enter into the light of your everlasting love, we are filled with peace for our future with you.

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

