

## Let us pray

**Heavenly Father.** We rejoice in your eternal presence and give thanks for the spiritual community we share here today. You are the breath of all creation and all life, and you call us to bring your love into the world, regardless of differences, and without discrimination so we may share that life generously and in abundance. Therefore, we pray today for ourselves and for our need of health in body, mind, and spirit, so we can do your will in this life with compassion, forgiveness, and love for one another.

**Lord in your mercy      hear our prayer**

We pray for your blessings on Rev Leonard and his family as they prepare to join our Parish this week to begin this new chapter of their lives, and we thank you for guiding them to us.

We pray for the people of our parish especially those who feel excluded, ignored, or exploited and help us work together to build a community as open and generous as your love shown to us in Christ Jesus.

Draw close to those who are being baptised, and those who are being married in the coming weeks and thank you for bringing to them your gifts of love, hope and joy for their futures.

We pray for the leaders of the world carrying responsibilities for the lives of their people, for all victims of the world's injustices and for a new spirit of righteousness and integrity in the hearts of the powerful.

**Lord in your mercy      hear our prayer**

**Merciful God.** We pray for those whose lives are darkened by any kind of pain, distress, or grief that the light of Christ will bring them hope and comfort knowing that they are not alone, for you are with them.

Thank you for the lives of those who have left us in death, and we pray that their memories be a blessing and comfort to their grieving families. We especially pray for all those named on our news sheet and those in our hearts.

**Lord in your mercy      hear our prayer**

**Heavenly Father** We offer you these prayers in faith knowing you hear us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, work within us and among us to bring your kingdom values into this world. Just as we receive your gifts of mercy, comfort and love may we offer the same to all those who cross our paths and help us remain faithful to your teachings.

**Heavenly Father. Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour**

**Jesus Christ. Amen**