

Let us remember that God is with us now.

There is no place where God is not.

Wherever we go, there God is.

Now and always he encompasses us, looks upon us with his mercy,
and is ready to hear us when we call.

Therefore let us pray.

You have called us, O God, to be your people.
You have loved us and chosen us for your own.
Clothe us with your compassion, your kindness,
your humility, your gentleness and your patience.
Help us forgive one another as you have forgiven us.
And bind us all together in the perfect unity of your love.

Lord, in your mercy....

We pray for our church leaders, Bishop Alan and Bishop Richard
We pray for our parishes, for those on our PCCs, Deanery Synod and any
holding office in our parishes.
We pray for all who minister in our parishes, especially for Eric.
And we pray for the new communities in Kempston and Great Denham and
for our Community Ministers David and Suzette.

Grant, O God, that the same mind may be in all the ministers of thy Church
that was in Christ Jesus:

his self-forgetting humility;
his interest in common things;
his love for common people;
his compassion for the fallen;
his tolerance with the mistaken;
his patience with the slow;

and in all their work and converse make them continually sensitive to your
guidance and ready for your will;.

Lord, in your mercy...

Gracious Father,
we pray for peace in our world:
for all national leaders,
that they may have wisdom to know and courage to do what is right; for all
men and women,
that their hearts may be turned to yourself in the search for righteousness and
truth;
for those who are working to improve international relationships,
that they may find the true way of reconciliation;
for those who suffer as a result of war:
the injured and disabled,
the mentally distressed,
the homeless and hungry, those who mourn their dead,
and especially for those who are without hope or friend to sustain them in their
grief.

Lord, in your mercy....

We bring before God the suffering of those who lost children, family or friends
in recent tragic events in this country and abroad.

We pray that all humanity will come to the understanding that God loves every
one of us, that he has given all of us life in Jesus Christ, and that he has given
us each other, family, friends, communities, countries and the whole world as
gifts to each other, to love and care for.

Lord, in your mercy....

Hear us, O Lord our God, as we pray for those who represent us in the
Parliament of our nation and for those who serve in places of influence and
authority. Amid all the pressures brought upon them may they follow your
guidance and seek to do the thing that is right; that through them your will may
be done for this nation, to the honour of your name; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Lord, in your mercy...

We give thanks and pray for our families and friends...

we pray for those who are sick, and all those who care for them,
in particular for, and anyone else known to us.

We pray for all those who suffer in any way: the lonely and those mourning the
loss of a loved one.

Father, comfort and heal all those who are in trouble or any kind of need.
Give them courage and hope, give us the compassion and courage to help and
comfort where we can.

Lord, in your mercy....

We remember those who have gone before us in the peace of Christ,
remembering :

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love but see no longer. Grant them
your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in your loving wisdom
and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. James, St. Alban, and all your saints, we
commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father...