

Dear Father,

We thank you that we are here together again today. We thank you for those who have made this possible. May those who would like to be here but cannot be with us today feel your loving presence as we worship you.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayers

As we celebrate the coming of your Holy Spirit today, we pray for all Christians throughout the world, knowing that we all share the same Spirit. May your church communities be filled with new life and power. May the Holy Spirit move through your churches out into the world and may many people be drawn to you as a result. We especially pray for St Mary's Church in Baldock, the Church of St Margaret of Antioch in Bygrave and for the churches whose members are here today, that we are filled with your reviving Spirit of love, which overflows to others.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayers

We pray for those who suffer from the effects of the coronavirus worldwide, and in our communities. We pray for the seriously ill, for the families who worry about them. We pray for those who mourn. We pray for those we know who are suffering. Father, put your loving arms around them all.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

We continue to pray for the doctors, nurses and all staff in hospitals, who risk their own health while they look after others. We pray for care home workers, social workers, those who do deliveries and work in shops and supermarkets. We ask you to protect them in all the situations they face.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayers

We pray for the most vulnerable nations whose health care systems have difficulty to cope with the outbreak. We pray for war-torn Yemen and for Brazil. We pray for peace and we ask you to ease the people's sufferings.

We pray that you fill the leaders of the nations with your Spirit of selflessness and generosity.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for the Queen and the Royal Family, and we ask you to keep them safe. We pray for Boris Johnson, and all the politicians who face the challenging task of leading us out of isolation. May they have wisdom and compassion to make the right decisions. Help us all to act sensibly and with patience during this time to stop the spread of the virus.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayers

We pray for the schools, for the children who go there and for their teachers. May they be able to implement effective measures to keep everyone safe.

Be with all parents and children who are staying at home.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayers

We pray for our communities: we pray for the lonely, the isolated those who are worried and have no one to speak to. We ask you to bring before us anyone who need our help.

We pray for victims of abuse in their home whose suffering goes under the radar. Shine your light on them and give them strength and release.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are ill:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Boudreau, Olive Elves,
Stephen Cooper, Peter Harris, baby Luca Mabert, Oliver Britton,
Christine Roderick, Liz Smith, Anne England, Martin Reed, Bob Burt,
Penny and Douglas Mitchell and Martyn Gray.

We ask for your presence with them in the midst of their pain.

We remember those who have died recently:

Christopher Martin, Kirsty Robinson and Lionel Elliston

And at the anniversary of their death we pray for the souls of:

Erling Hoeg, Mary Eastwick, Frank Lawton, Mavis White,

Andy Crombie, Joan Walker and Gwen Craft

May they rest in peace with you. Be with all who mourn.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In a moment of silence, we pray for our families and for ourselves.

Father, may your Holy spirit expand our horizon, so that we may see the bigger picture of your vision for us. As we emerge from isolation, may we form new habits to live in greater harmony with one another and with your creation as individuals, communities and nations.

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

Amen