

Faithful God, we thank you for the world you have created. We have all enjoyed the benefits of an improved environment during these strange times, with improved air around us and the time to enjoy the wonders of your creation. As we return to a more or new normal way of life, let us not forget what we have enjoyed, what has brought us such joy and, in many ways, closer to you. We pray for greater wisdom and responsibility in our stewardship of this earth. We pray for fishermen and seafarers and all who brave the seas to bring us food and trade goods from the farthest reaches of our planet.

Lord in your mercy; hear our prayer

We pray that you will calm the storms that trouble our world. The nations of the world are all living through difficult times, facing the Covid pandemic, economic crises and in places poverty, hunger and oppression through war or conflict and corrupt leaderships. We ask you to guide the nation's leaders into finding a way to peace and harmony for their peoples, to find ways to bring an end to war and conflict, to reduce poverty and hunger and always to aim for peace and stability. We pray especially at this time for the people of Beirut following the devastating explosion in its port on Tuesday. Bring healing to the injured, comfort to the anxious and distressed and bereaved and a new hope for a brighter future as they look in time to rebuild their lives.

Lord in your mercy; hear our prayer

Faithful God we pray for your church and its leaders that you will give them clear vision and trust in you through and beyond the pandemic. We pray for our bishops Alan, Michael and Richard as they guide our diocese and for Andrew as he is away on holiday. May he be refreshed and renewed whilst away. Today in the cycle of prayer for the diocese, we pray for the parish of Holwell in Hitchin for Mary Fane de Salis, Margaret Holford, Gena Edwards, Margaret Johnson and the community they serve. We also pray all awaiting ordination over the coming weeks

Lord in your mercy; hear our prayer

Faithful God we thank you for gift of son who walks with us on journey. We pray for friends and family and all church family with us in person, on zoom or in other ways. Help everyone to know that they are part of this church community and greatly loved. We pray for all who work in our church schools as they prepare for reopening in September. May they be guided in ways to ensure that staff and children are kept safe and yet school feels secure for all. We pray for all those who awaiting examination results this week and next and pray that they will be given hope for the future in confidence in all that they have chosen to do.

Lord in your mercy; hear our prayer

Loving God, we thank You for the gift of life and pray for those whose lives are troubled by illness, grief, poverty or injustice. We pray that in the darkness of their suffering and pain

your light will shine to bring them the assurance and hope they need. We remember at this time those known personally to us and those who have requested our prayers thinking especially of Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Boudreau, Olive Elves, Stephen Cooper, Peter Harris, baby Luca Mabert, Oliver Britton, Liz Smith, Anne England, Martin Reed, Bob Burt, Penny and Douglas Mitchell, Martyn Gray, Jean Smith, Ron Crumpholt, John Pearson, David Dodds, Karen Kynman, Tracy Smith and Andy Ball

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, we place in your loving keeping all those who have died Lord, and we pray that we too may show in our lives the promise of heaven's love, joy and peace and we ask for your comfort and peace to be on all who mourn thinking particularly of the family and friends of Gina Churchyard and Marilyn Goodhew and at the anniversary of their death Vera Dear, Anne Taylor, David Manning and Molly Cooper

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Faithful God, Peter only knew life as a fisherman. But he got out of the boat and followed you, Lord. Help us to hear your voice, get out of our boats and follow you. In the week ahead, may the world and its problems decrease as you increase in our lives. Keep us focused on your way, looking ahead and trusting you.

Merciful father, ...