

Mothering Sunday prayers: 2020

God of all,
we bring to you our concerns:
concerns for ourselves and those we love;
our concerns for the world
and our sisters and brothers
in the world wide family to which we all belong.

Jesus, Lord of love

In your mercy, hear us

We pray for all children in the world:
that they may feel affirmed and listened to;
we pray especially for those who live in areas
where daily life is difficult due to war, famine or disease
and for those who are without parents
or anyone to care for them.
We pray especially for children in refugee camps in the Middle East.

Jesus, Lord of love

In your mercy, hear us

We pray for all families:
Especially for those whose lives have been devastated by the corona virus.
We pray for mothers or fathers struggling to bring up children alone
for families under strain – poor, homeless or unable to cope
and for parents whose children have died,
or who are separated from them.

Jesus, Lord of love

In your mercy, hear us

We pray for those who long for children
but for whom this is not possible.
May God strengthen and affirm
all whose lives take a path different
from the one they expected to take
and let them know they are loved and needed by others.

Jesus, Lord of love

In your mercy, hear us

We pray for the family of the Church:
for all who work for the building up of God's Kingdom
and we remember especially all Christian mothers
around the world,
working to bring God's love to others.

Jesus, Lord of love

In your mercy, hear us

Finally, we give thanks for the people in our lives
who have encouraged us,
changing our lives in often small but important ways.
May God make us gentle, directing our lives so that we may look to the good in
others and leading us in the ways of reconciliation
so that we may see peace and justice across the world.

Jesus, Lord of love

In your mercy, hear us

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.