

1. WELCOME & THANKS

Heavenly Father – Creator of all things and Lord of all. Author of concord and lover of peace, we thank you for enabling us to gather together to bring these our supplications to you in the name of your dear son, Jesus Christ. We look to the hills from whence cometh our help and your help is sorely needed.

Responses

**As we are gathered we ask this in Jesus name
Hear our prayer**

1. OUR WORLD AT HOME AND ABROAD

Heavenly Father we thank you for continuing to ease the burden of the deadly virus COVID 19 as we gradually return to normal life in this country. Sadly, the virus continues to grow globally. We pray especially for America, Brazil, India, South Africa and the refugee camps in the Middle East. Some of these regions do not have the resources to cope with the effects of the virus.

We also pray that we may avoid the threat of a second wave that could be more destructive than the first.

We pray also that a vaccine may be developed that will be effective in protecting us.

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2. OUR YOUNG

As the virus recedes in this country so the killings have started again. It seems that many of our young people do not know you or of your love for them. Please show them that ALL Lives Matter to you and that we are all brothers and sisters within your family.

Throughout the lockdown, Our children have had to endure emotional privations that are not natural amongst free people. Please help them to adjust and to recover the ground that has been lost for their educational as well as their emotional development.

3. OUR FAMILIES

Lord Jesus. Bless our families and bind us together in love. Send your spirit to work among those whose relationships have broken down or are under stress, especially at this time of lockdown and isolation.

Difficult times are ahead and people will suffer more hardship as their jobs may be lost forever. Please help to support them and create a new environment within which they may thrive once more.

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4. THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

Heavenly Father, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled. Today we pray for:

Zacharay Sayers, Karen Wade, Penny Havercroft, David Johnston, Izzy Jones, Michelle Woodmore, Michael Vickars, William Campbell, Samuel Lung, Sarah Osborne, Richard Pilbeam, Sharon Pilbeam, Deryck Flashman, Joan Graham and all those who are known to us but not listed here.

Please bless all those who care for them. Give them the strength to persevere and keep them safe. We give thanks especially for the front line health workers who have placed themselves and continue to do so at great risk for our benefit.

We give thanks for those, who in your mercy you have healed and returned to us.

But for those who must leave us – please grant them peace and dignity and we pray that you will reach down and comfort those that they leave behind. We pray especially for the families and friends of those who are known to us and in particular:

Elizabeth Wright, Don MacDonald, Dot Burgin, Anthony Hartnoll, Margaret Taylor and Peggy Grant.

We pray that you have prepared a place at your table for them and have already welcomed them into your presence.

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5. OURSELVES

Heavenly Father, through your dear Son you have promised us that your spirit will be with us forever. Help us to be worthy.

6. THANKS

Heavenly Father - It is such a privilege for us to be able to carry everything to you in prayer. We know that all that is good comes from you alone. We thank you for all the blessings that we have received. Help us to be worthy of them.

We thank you bringing us here today and for listening to us.

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