

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, it seems increasingly likely that we will suffer a recurrence of the deadly COVID 19 virus in the UK and elsewhere. We earnestly pray that it will not be as severe as the first wave.

As we approach 1 million deaths from the virus world-wide we earnestly pray that a vaccine may be developed that will be effective in protecting your people around the world.

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2. OUR YOUNG

As the virus recedes in parts of this country, the killings of our young have escalated. 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 young 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.

Many will become unemployed as businesses fail during a second wave. We pray that you will save this generation from the effects of long term unemployment.

3. OUR HEALTH WORKERS

Our health workers, in the NHS, private care, care homes, having suffered from overwork and the emotional distress of dealing with the virus must prepare themselves to endure it all over again. It will be so much harder for them and we pray that you will give them strength to persevere.

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 those who are and will suffer the privations 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, Michael Vickars, William Campbell, Sarah Osborne, Richard Pilbeam, Sharon Pilbeam, Deryck Flashman, Joan Graham, Karin Vallis, Bhav Parmar and her family, Trevor Moncrief, Pauline Pincham, Kay Phipps and 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:

Russell Smart, Colin Davy, Rosemary Moncrief, Peter Smith and Lily Bowler.

We pray especially for Michelle, Gemma and James as they mourn the loss of Simon, our much loved curate.

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.