

## **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, our Saviour, healer and teacher

Today we celebrate St Luke another healer and teacher.

### **Responses**

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

#### **1. OUR WORLD AT HOME AND ABROAD**

Heavenly Father, We are now in the midst of a second wave of the deadly pandemic as are many countries. We pray that we may weather this storm and that we can be spared the privations caused by the first wave. We pray for unity and commonality of purpose as people endeavor to combat the virus.

It is even more imperative that a vaccine may be developed that will be effective in protecting your people around the world. Please guide the hands of our scientists to bring this about.

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#### **2. OUR YOUNG**

As the virus strikes back, it is placing great strain on the discipline of our young who are having to endure emotional privations that are not natural amongst free people, especially the young. 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. St Luke was a doctor and we pray that he may inspire the health workers of today to cope with the hardships that they will soon be facing.

#### **4. OUR SPIRITUAL LEADERS**

St Luke was a writer and an evangelist and we pray that he will inspire Charles and Gill as they guide us through the next weeks and months.

### **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, Michael Vickars, Sam Campbell, Sarah Osborne, Richard Pilbeam, Deryck Flashman, Karin Vallis, Kireet Parmar and 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:

Colin Davy, Rosemary Moncrief, Peter Smith, Lily Bowler, Mamie Dineen, Clive Byfield and Simon Woodmore.

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.**