

## **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.

### **Responses**

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

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

Heavenly Father, The second wave of the pandemic is escalating. We pray that we may weather this storm and that we can bear the privations that are now inevitable. We pray for unity and commonality of purpose as people endeavor to combat the virus.

We give thanks that vaccines have been developed. We pray for a speedy distribution to the people and that they will be effective in protecting your people around the world.

As we prepare for the birth of your dear son, help us to prepare for a new beginning.

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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 this and subsequent waves. 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 are having to face it all over again. Inspire the health workers of today as they cope with the hardships that they must face.

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

Please guide the church as it seeks a relevant role in the weeks to come and inspire Charles and Gill as they guide us through the weeks to come.

## **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.

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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, Deryck Flashman, Kireet Parmar and family, Trevor Moncrief, Pauline Pincham, Richard Pilbeam, Karin Vallis, Angela Fox, Ron Bowler, Harry Waller, Fred and Christine Atkinson 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:

Simon Woodmore, Les Turner and Charles Bryant.

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.**

