

1. WELCOME & THANKS

Heavenly Father – Lord of Hosts and creator of all that is in the Heavens, on the earth, in the skies above, under the earth and under the seas. Thank you for bringing us here today so that we may to praise you and 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. Coronavirus

Our Lord and Saviour we give thanks for the continued success of the distribution of the vaccine in this country and for the steady decline in new cases. We pray that this will become universal and that our politicians will step back from using vaccination as a pawn between nations. Please ensure that those that have the vaccine will come to the aid of those who have neither the technology nor the resources to be self-sufficient. In particular we pray for those in India, Nepal and other countries in Asia.

We pray that you will spare us the trials of another wave as the Indian mutation infiltrates some of our communities.

Please comfort those who have suffered the loss of family and friends and also those who are suffering the long term effects of the virus. At the same time we thank you for restoring to us all those who have been healed.

People have suffered from the effects of isolation, others have lost their jobs and more may yet do so. Please bring relief to those who are so affected.

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2. OUR WORLD AT HOME AND ABROAD

The world continues to be at war. At this time in particular, the people of Israel and Gaza have renewed their conflict. We pray that you will turn the hearts of their populations to peace and collaboration.

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3. CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Heavenly Father – this being Christian Aid Week, we pray for the work of Christian Aid as it strives to support development, stop poverty, support civil society and provide disaster relief to the developing world.

In particular, this week, we pray for the people in those developing countries that are being so badly affected by the effects of climate change. We also pray for the provision of clean water in Kenya where they strive to combat disease and famine.

4. OUR HEALTH WORKERS

Our health workers, in the NHS, private care and care homes must now prepare for the possibility of yet another wave of infection. Please give them the strength to prevail yet again. We beseech you to keep them safe.

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5. OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

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 suffering from the privations of lockdown and isolation.

We give thanks for all those who serve and help us in so many ways. Grant our leaders wisdom, your wisdom from above, in their dealings with us and in return give us the courage to reach out and help those around us.

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6. THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED

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

Zachary Sayers, Karen Wade, Karin Vallis, Angela Fox, Ron Bowler, Harry Waller, Samantha Sayers, Karin Vallis, Angela Fox, Oli Kemp, Allan Brown, April Cane, Christian (Karin's brother), Margaret Horwood, William and Claudia Campbell, Paul Campbell, Sheila Marsh, Kelly Wangwan, Heidi Wangwan 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.

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:

HRH Prince Philip, Ed Thompson, Brian Simpson, Susan Clark, Lori Houlihan, Frances Evershed, and John Lord.

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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7. OURSELVES

Heavenly Father, through your dear Son you have promised us that your spirit will be with us forever. As we approach Pentecost, inspire us in our worship. We ask this especially for those who are struggling to find you. Walk with us so that when we falter raise us up.

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8. 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.**