

Let us offer our prayers for the world, the church, our community and ourselves.

In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged ... (*offer prayers for those places that are in need of God's care*), so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions (*pray for parts of our culture and institutions that need radical change*), change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for Lorraine, John, Tom, Eric, and Connie. (*Offer prayers for those who are on your heart and mind this day*) Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Turn this community away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community especially the nursing and retirement homes in our community, and our local hospital and all who work there; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbours. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us—tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**