God has searched for us to teach us how to search for one another. That we may learn to live in God's new Jerusalem, generous with life, let us pray together, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.** 

You come to us unarmed. May we never use you as a way to war, we pray to you, O God. *Lord, hear our prayer.* 

You come to us penniless. May we never use you as a way to wealth, we pray to you, O God. *Lord, hear our prayer.* 

You come to us innocent. May we never use you as a way to corruption, we pray to you, O God. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

May we use your peaceful self as a way to make peace, we pray to you O God. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

May we use your penniless self as a way to be generous, we pray to you, O God. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

May we use your innocent self as a way of curing sin, we pray to you, O God. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

Shame us out of arrogance, O Lord, arrogance of power and place, we pray to you, O God. *Lord, hear our prayer.* 

Win us with the love you have for the least of things, we pray to you, O God. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

Hear our prayers for those who provide leadership in the church especially Todd our bishop, Robert our rector, Tiana our curate, and Tom and Stephanie our Deacons. We pray to you, O God. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

Hear our prayers for those who have asked us to pray for them, especially, Nikki, Rob, Elaine, Richard, Ted, Olivia, James, Celal, Maggie, Beryl, Pat, Susan, Taylor, Kim, Judy, Gwen, Dianne, Gary, Louise, Alan, Jennifer, Anne, Virginia, Joan, Marian, Mary Lou, Josh, Laurie, Jane, Glenda, Michael, George, Ellen, Kathie, and the family of Archdeacon John Spencer. We pray to you O God. Lord, hear our prayer.

Here our prayers for one who has gone home to our Lord, especially remembering *Clifford George Pitts*. We pray to you O God. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

Hear our thanksgivings for the lives of those who celebrate birthdays, especially *Nicholas Jessop, Judith Rose, Maddie Higgins, Susan Young* and anniversaries, *Jan & Michael Ryan, Patricia & Peter Ryde, Mary & Todd Steel.* We pray to you, O God. *Lord, hear our prayer.* 

It would be a joy for us to be as you are, O Lord, toward the least of things on earth. We ask for your peacefulness, your humility, your innocence, both for ourselves, and for all the world. For there is no going home to you without those around us, and through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**