Confident that in the Son's teaching and through the Spirit's leading we shall be heard, let us lift hearts and voices to God, saying: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O God, ever promising deliverance to your people, hold out your hands to us, and hear our common supplications. For courage to pray, calling out day and night for all that you have promised: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For diligence in reading your word, for Todd our bishop, Robert our rector, Tiana our curate, Tom and Stephanie our deacons and for the whole church as we ponder the inspiration you granted to those who have gone before us, that we may understand your message to us: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For boldness to speak your word humbly to others, for constancy and courage, and for all to whom we speak: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For your love in us, that you may use our hands and our hearts to carry your love to others: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For your warmth and strength and power for all in any need especially: Nikki, Rob, Elaine, Richard, Ted, Olivia, James, Celal, Maggie, Beryl, Pat, Susan, Taylor, Kim, Gwen, Gary, Louise, Alan, Jennifer, Anne, Virginia, Joan, Marian, Mary Lou, Josh, Laurie, Jane, Glenda, Michael, George, Ellen, Kathie, Fred's Family, Red, John, Hadley, Kingsley, Ev and Doug, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those celebrating birthdays, especially *Duncan McIssac*, *Peter Ellis*, *Phil Guest and Douglas Reece* that their joy may be shared with others: Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For unfailing remembrance of the blessed dead, especially *Orville Musselln* and for those whose names and faces fill our days and nights, that we may always give thanks for their lives, and that we live in fervent expectation of joy together with them in your house forever: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Hear these words, O Lord, as you hear and understand the unspoken thoughts of our hearts and minds, and grant their fulfillment through Christ our Lord.