

*Creator God, the almighty one, you count the hairs of our head. Let us come before You in confidence, praying for all the world, saying: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

We thank you this day for the value you have placed upon us by giving us Christ our Saviour. Empower us to acknowledge this gift in lives of service. We pray to you O Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you have answered our fears with love. Give to us the faith to go where others dare not to proclaim the vastness of your love. We pray to you O Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you are concerned with the frailty of our living. You know our addictions, our divorcings, our doubtings, our escapes. Grant us the wholeness we seek. We pray to you O Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you aid those who work for justice and peace by giving them courage, vision, and strength. Enlist all bishops, priests and deacons and all people in the struggle for human dignity. We pray to you O Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you made humanity in your likeness. In each and every human identity, in all our sexual and gender diversity, in all our racial and cultural diversity – we bear Your sacred image. Press us, compel us, inspire us to fully live the power and beauty of this truth every day. We pray to you O Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

We thank you, O God that you favour the poor, the meek, the oppressed, the homeless, and the hungry. Make your compassion contagious that the rich might share with the poor, the strong befriend the weak. We pray to you O Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

We thank you, O God, that you know the dangers that lurk among us. We pray for those whom you have called to guard and protect your entire creation, those who work the land, and those who work for the conservation of its habitats and species, especially those among us who have traditional knowledge and wisdom about the land and its inhabitants.

Strengthen them for their difficult tasks. We pray to you O Lord: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

We thank you, O God, that you refresh us with times of leisure and recreation. Renew us that we might further appreciate you, each other, and all that you have made. We pray to you O Lord: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

We thank you, O God, that whenever two or three are gathered together in Your name, that You hear our requests. Hear now our petitions of prayer for: ***Beulah, Rob, Andrea, Heather, Mary Louise, Hadley, Harold, Ebba, Nikki, Marian, Ken, Peter, John and Peter*** that they may feel Your healing and never ending love. We pray for those that we have loved and lost, especially remembering your faithful servant ***Ted Palmer*** who, wrapped in your loving arms, You have called home. We pray to you O Lord: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Amen