**Prayers and Responses for prayers of intercession**

F1

Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

F2

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

F3

Hear us,  
hear us, good Lord.

F4

Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

F5

In faith we pray  
we pray to you our God.

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Lord, hear your people  
and answer our prayers.

F7

God of love  
hear our prayer.

F8

We pray to the Father.  
Hear our prayer.

F9

Lord, meet us in the silence  
and hear our prayer.

F10

Jesus [or ‘Father’], Lord of …   
 (life, creation, … a phrase which can be varied)  
in your mercy, hear us.

F11

Loving God, we look to you.  
Receive our prayer.

F12

Generous God  
pour out your love.

F13

Your kingdom come  
Your will be done.

Sung responses

F14

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,  
when I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,  
come and listen to me.

F15

Through our lives and by our prayers  
your kingdom come.

F16

Oculi nostri ad Dominum Jesum,  
oculi nostri ad Dominum nostrum.

(Our eyes are turned to the Lord Jesus Christ,  
our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Saviour.)

F17

Watch, watch and pray   
Jesus keeps to his word.

F18

Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us.  
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Endings for the intercessions

F19

Almighty God,   
by your Holy Spirit you have made us one   
 with your saints in heaven and on earth:   
grant that in our earthly pilgrimage   
we may ever be supported by this fellowship   
 of love and prayer,  
and know ourselves surrounded by their witness to your   
 power and mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.   
Amen.

F20

Bring us all to your heavenly city,   
to the joyful gathering of thousands of angels,   
to the assembly of your first born,   
to the spirits of good people made perfect,  
to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant  
and to the sprinkled blood that promises peace.  
Merciful Father … cf Hebrews 12.22-24

F21

Hasten, Lord, the day   
when people will come from east and west,  
from north and south,  
and sit at table in your kingdom  
and we shall see your Son in his glory.  
Merciful Father …

cf Luke 13.29

F22

Lord and judge of all, grant to us   
and to all those who long for your appearing  
the crown of righteousness on the great day   
 of your coming.  
Merciful Father …

F23

Fill our hunger with the food that lasts,   
the bread of God which comes down from heaven   
 and gives life to the world.  
Merciful Father …

cf John 6.33

The congregational ending

F24

Lord of the Church,

All hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind   
to serve you with joy for ever.   
Amen.

F25

God of mercy,   
you know us and love us  
and hear our prayer:  
keep us in the eternal fellowship of   
**Jesus Christ our Saviour.**  
Amen.

Introductions to the Lord’s Prayer

F26

Awaiting his coming in glory,

F27

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,

F28

Seeking the salvation of the world,

F29

Trusting in the compassion of God,

F30

Standing at the foot of the cross,

F31

Rejoicing in God’s new creation,

F32

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,

Introductions

F33

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,   
so in faith and trust we pray:

F34

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

F35

We praise the Father,   
and pray in the words of Christ himself.

F36

Let us pray for the coming of God’s kingdom   
in the words our Saviour taught us.

F37

As God’s children, and heirs with Christ   
we cry in the Spirit, ‘Abba’, Father.

F38

Lord, remember us in your kingdom,   
as we pray in the words you gave us.

Responsive forms of intercession and litanies

F39

[Let us pray to the Lord.   
Lord, have mercy.]

For the peace that comes from God alone,   
for the unity of all peoples,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For the Church of Christ, for N our Bishop, [for … ]  
and for the whole people of God,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For the nations of the world, [for … ,]  
for Elizabeth our Queen and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For this city (or town or village or community), [for … ,]  
for our neighbours and our friends,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us,  
and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm,   
for the widowed and orphans,  
for the sick and suffering,   
[for … ] and for all in any need,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed,   
for the unemployed and the destitute,  
for prisoners and captives,  
and for all who remember and care for them,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

[For … let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.]

For the dying, for those who mourn [the death of … ],  
for the faithful whom we entrust to the Lord in hope,  
as we look forward to the day when we share   
 the fullness of the resurrection,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the communion of [… and of all] the saints,  
let us commend ourselves, and one another,   
and all our life, to God.

Silence is kept.

For yours is the majesty,   
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,   
now and for ever.  
Amen.

F40

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God,   
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness  
and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,  
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy be forgotten,  
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace  
and let your glory be over all the earth.

F41

Blessed are you, eternal God,  
to be praised and glorified for ever.

Hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:  
make us all one, that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church   
 may truly and humbly serve you:  
that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ’s name:  
give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority   
 in the nations of the world:  
guide them in the ways of justice and peace.

Make us alive to the needs of our community:  
help us to share each other’s joys and burdens.

Look with kindness on our homes and families:  
grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Deepen our compassion for all who suffer from sickness,   
 grief or trouble:  
in your presence may they find their strength.

We remember those who have died:  
Father, into your hands we commend them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered   
 your eternal glory:  
bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.

F42

In your glory, Lord, protect us by the power of your name,  
that we may be one as you are one.

We are in the world but not of it.  
Protect us from the evil one.

Give us your word and the full measure of your joy.  
Sanctify us by your truth.

May your Spirit unite us in the love and glory of   
 Father and Son.  
May we be one that the world may believe.

As you sent your Son into the world  
so send us, to make your glory known.

cf John 17.11-18

F43

[We pray for strength to follow Jesus.   
Saviour, we hear your call.  
Help us to follow.]

Jesus said: ‘Whoever wishes to be great among you   
 must be your servant,’  
Saviour, we hear your call.  
Help us to follow.

Jesus said: ‘Unless you change  
and become humble like little children,  
you can never enter the kingdom of heaven.’  
Saviour, we hear your call.  
Help us to follow.

Jesus said: ‘Happy are the humble;  
they will receive what God has promised.’  
Saviour, we hear your call.  
Help us to follow.

Jesus said: ‘Be merciful as your Father is merciful;  
love your enemies and do good to them.’  
Saviour, we hear your call.  
Help us to follow.

Jesus said: ‘Love one another, as I love you;  
there is no greater love than this,  
to lay down your life for your friends.’  
Saviour, we hear your call.  
Help us to follow.

Jesus said: ‘Go to people everywhere  
and make them my disciples,  
and I will be with you always, to the end of time.’  
Saviour, we hear your call.  
Help us to follow.

God of mercy,  
you know us and love us  
and hear our prayer:  
keep us in the eternal fellowship of   
Jesus Christ our Saviour.   
Amen.

F44

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom,   
we pray for all Christian people;  
for Bishop N, for all Christian leaders,  
and for those who teach and guard the faith …   
May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts,  
and knit us together in the bond of your love.  
Hear us.  
Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations,  
and for those in authority under them …   
Give them the gift of your wisdom,  
and a right discernment in all things.  
Hear us.  
Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for our … (city/town/village/community);  
for those who live and work here,  
and for those who visit this place . . .  
Speak your word of peace in our midst,  
and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.  
Hear us.  
Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for those who do not believe,  
and yet who long to know you, the very Word of life …   
Open their ears to hear your voice,  
and open their hearts to the knowledge   
of your love in Christ.  
Hear us.  
Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for those bowed down with grief,   
fear or sickness,  
especially …   
May your living Word bring comfort and healing   
to all those in need.  
Hear us.  
Hear us, good Lord.

We give thanks for all those who have died in the   
 faith of Christ  
and we rejoice with [N and] all your saints,  
trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.  
Lord of life,  
hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever.   
Amen.

cf Psalm 119

F45

[We pray for God’s grace.   
Lord, receive our praise  
and hear our prayer.]

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:  
through your Son you have redeemed us;  
in your Spirit you have made us as your own.

We pray for … (new Christians, the Church)  
Make our hearts respond to your love.  
Lord, receive our praise  
and hear our prayer.

We pray for … (the world, society, the local community)  
Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.  
Lord, receive our praise  
and hear our prayer.

We pray for … (people in need, Christian service)  
Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.  
Lord, receive our praise  
and hear our prayer.

We give thanks for …   
Make our voices one with all your people   
in heaven and on earth.

Lord of life,  
hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever.   
Amen.

F46

[We pray to the Lord.   
In faith we pray.  
We pray to you our God.]

That the rest of this day may be holy,   
 peaceful and full of your presence;  
in faith we pray.  
We pray to you our God.

That the work we have done   
and the people we have met today  
may bring us closer to you;  
in faith we pray.  
We pray to you our God.

[That we may be forgiven our sins and failures;  
in faith we pray.  
We pray to you our God.]

That we may hear and respond to your call   
 to peace and justice;  
in faith we pray.  
We pray to you our God.

That you will sustain the faith and hope of those   
 who are lonely, oppressed and anxious;  
in faith we pray.  
We pray to you our God.

That you will strengthen us in your service,  
and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom;  
in faith we pray.  
We pray to you our God.

God of mercy,  
you know us and love us  
and hear our prayer:  
keep us in the eternal fellowship of   
 **Jesus Christ our Saviour.**  
Amen.

F47

[Let us pray to God,   
that he will bring to fruition all that he desires   
 for his creation.  
Father, Lord of creation,  
in your mercy, hear us.]

You have created the universe by your eternal Word,  
and have blessed humankind in making us   
 stewards of the earth.  
We pray for your world,  
that we may share and conserve its resources,  
and live in reverence for the creation   
 and in harmony with one another.  
Father, Lord of creation,  
in your mercy, hear us.

You have given the human race a rich land,  
a land of streams and springs,   
wheat and barley,  
vines and oil and honey.  
We have made by sin a world of suffering and sorrow.  
We pray for those who bear the weight of affliction,  
that they may come to share the life of wholeness   
 and plenty.  
Father, Lord of creation,  
in your mercy, hear us.

In Christ you call us to a new way of life,  
loving our neighbours before ourselves.   
Help us to treat with care and respect the world as it is  
as we live in hope and anticipation of the world   
 as it will be  
when your kingdom comes and your will is done.  
Thank you for those, living and departed,  
who have shown a true respect for your creation …   
Help us to follow in their footsteps,  
until, with them, we see you face to face,  
where all is made new in Christ our Lord.

Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.   
Amen.

F48

O God our creator,  
whose good earth is entrusted to our care   
 and delight and tenderness,  
we pray:  
May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

For all who are in captivity to debt,  
whose lives are cramped by fear  
from which there is no turning  
except through abundant harvest.  
May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

For all who depend on the earth for their   
 daily food and fuel  
whose forests are destroyed  
for the profits of a few.  
May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

For all who labour in poverty,  
who are oppressed by unjust laws,  
who are banned for speaking the truth,  
who long for a harvest of justice.  
May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

For all who are in captivity  
to greed and waste and boredom,  
whose harvest joy is choked  
with things they do not need.  
May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

Turn us again from our captivity  
and restore our vision,  
that our mouth may be filled with laughter  
and our tongue with singing.  
Amen.

F49

Let us pray for our own needs and for the needs of others,  
following the pattern which Jesus gave   
when he taught us to pray to God our Father.

Through our love of the countryside,  
through our care for animals,  
through our respect for property and tools:  
Father, hallowed be your name.

On our farms and in our homes,  
in our colleges and schools,  
where machinery is made,   
and where policy is planned:  
Father, your kingdom come.

By our seeking your guidance,  
by our keeping your commandments,  
by our living true to our consciences:  
Father, your will be done.

For the millions who live in poverty and hunger,  
for our own needs, and the requirements of our   
 neighbours,  
by co-operation, sympathy and generosity:  
give us today our daily bread.

Because we have broken your commandments,   
doing what we ought not to do and neglecting   
 what we ought to do:  
forgive us our sins.

If any have injured us by injustice, double dealing   
 or exploitation:  
we forgive those who sin against us.

When prosperity lulls us to false security,   
or hard times prompt us to despair,  
When success makes us boastful,   
or failure makes us bitter:  
lead us not into temptation,   
but deliver us from evil.

In the assurance of faith,  
in the confidence of hope,  
in the will to serve,  
help us to love Christ as Lord,   
and our neighbour as ourselves.  
for the kingdom, the power   
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.   
Amen.

F50

[In joyful expectation of his coming   
we pray to Jesus, saying,  
Maranatha.  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.]

Come to your Church as Lord and Judge.  
We pray for …   
Help us to live in the light of your coming  
and give us a longing for your kingdom.  
Maranatha.  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations.  
We pray for …   
Before you rulers will stand in silence.  
Maranatha.  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your people with a message of victory   
 and peace.  
We pray for …   
Give us the victory over death, temptation and evil.  
Maranatha.  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us as Saviour and Comforter.  
We pray for …   
Break into our lives,  
where we struggle with sickness and distress,  
and set us free to serve you for ever.  
Maranatha.  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory.  
Lift us up to meet you,  
with [N and] all your saints and angels,  
to live with you for ever.  
Maranatha.  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

F51

Short biddings are offered in the form  
To [the suffering; the sick; those in authority;  
 Mrs Smith in hospital; etc.]...

The response is used each time  
Come, Lord Jesus.

The response can be varied to suit the season  
Come Holy Spirit; Come risen Lord; etc.

F52

Christ, for whom there was no room in the inn,  
give courage to all who are homeless;  
in your mercy   
hear our prayer.

Christ, who fled into Egypt,  
give comfort to all refugees;  
in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

Christ, who fasted in the desert,  
give relief to all who are starving;  
in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

Christ, who hung in agony on the cross,  
give strength to all who suffer;    
in your mercy       
hear our prayer.

Christ, who died to save us,  
give peace to all who seek pardon.   
Lord of the Church  
hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever.   
Amen.

F53

Let us pray to Jesus our Saviour.

Christ, born in a stable,  
give courage to all who are homeless:  
Jesus, Saviour,  
hear our prayer.

Christ, for whom the angels sang,  
give the song of the kingdom to all who weep:  
Jesus, Saviour,  
hear our prayer.

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds,  
give peace on earth to all who are oppressed:  
Jesus, Saviour,  
hear our prayer.

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt,  
give humility and wisdom to all who govern:  
Jesus, Saviour,  
hear our prayer.

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger,  
give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you:  
Jesus, Saviour,  
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, child of Mary  
you know us and love us,  
you share our lives  
and hear our prayer.  
Glory to you for ever. Amen.

F54

Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.  
Let us bring before God the needs of the world.

Wonderful counsellor,  
give your wisdom to the rulers of the nations.  
Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

Mighty God,  
make the whole world know  
that the government is on your shoulders.  
Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father,  
establish your reign of justice and righteousness for ever.  
Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

Prince of peace,  
bring in the endless kingdom of your peace.  
Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

Almighty Lord,  
hear our prayer,  
and fulfil your purposes in us,  
as you accomplished your will  
in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

F55

Father, [in this holy night] your Son our Saviour   
 was born as a child among us.  
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.  
Holy God  
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] there was no room for your Son   
 in the inn.  
Protect with your love those who have no home   
and all who live in poverty.  
Holy God  
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] Mary, in the pain of labour,   
 brought your Son to birth.  
Hold in your hand [… and] all who are in pain or distress.  
Holy God  
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.  
Bring comfort to [... and] all who suffer in the sadness of our world.  
Holy God  
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] the angels sang ‘Peace to God’s people on earth’.  
Strengthen those who work for peace and justice   
in [… and in] all the world.  
Holy God  
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] shepherds in the field heard   
 good tidings of joy.  
Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ’s redemption.  
Holy God  
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] strangers found the Holy Family,  
and saw the baby lying in the manger.  
Bless our homes and all whom we love.  
Holy God  
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] heaven is come down to earth,   
and earth is raised to heaven.   
Keep in safety [… and] all those who have   
 passed through death in the hope of heaven.  
Holy God  
hear our prayer.

[In this holy night] Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth.  
Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.  
Holy God  
hear our prayer.

Father,   
[in this holy night] angels and shepherds worshipped at   
 the manger throne.  
Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary,   
 Joseph and the saints  
through him who is your Word made flesh,   
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

F56

Jesus, born in a human family:  
we pray for ... (families)  
Lord Jesus,  
hear our prayer.

Jesus, cradled in a manger:  
we pray for ... (homeless, refugees)  
Lord Jesus,  
hear our prayer.

Jesus, sharing the stable with the animals:  
we pray for ... (the creation)  
Lord Jesus,  
hear our prayer.

Jesus, worshipped by shepherds and kings:  
we pray for ... (nations, races, peoples)  
Lord Jesus,  
hear our prayer.

Jesus, our Emmanuel:  
we pray for ... (those in particular need)  
Lord Jesus,  
hear our prayer.

F57

[Let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, come to your people.  
In your mercy set us free.]

[Unlooked for,  
Christ comes.

To shepherds,  
watching their sheep through the long, dark night,  
he comes with the glory of the angels’ song  
and in the humility of the manger.

Silence

Loving God, we pray for our community …   
In the midst of our everyday lives,   
surprise us with glimpses of your glorious, humble love,   
at the heart of existence.

Lord, come to your people.  
In your mercy set us free.]

Searched for,  
Christ comes.

To the wise and powerful,  
star-led to Bethlehem, seeking a king,  
he comes, child of Mary,  
crowned with meekness,  
worthy of every gift.

Silence

Loving God, we pray for the leaders of the world …   
Guide them with your light   
to seek wisdom, justice and peace.

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Longed for,  
Christ comes.

To Anna and Simeon,  
whose days are lived in faithful expectation,  
he comes, a new life to the old,  
a living prophecy of hope.

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Unite us by your Spirit,   
and make us faithful witnesses to the hope we have in you.

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In your mercy set us free.

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To men and women, girls and boys,  
crying out in darkness, pain and loneliness,  
he comes, at one with us,  
our Saviour, healer and friend.

Silence

Loving God, we pray for those whose lives are   
 hard and painful  
or whose existence is sorrowful, bitter or empty …   
In their need, may they know your healing touch,   
reaching out to comfort, strengthen and restore.

Lord, come to your people.  
In your mercy set us free.

[Unlooked for and searched for,]  
longed for and prayed for,  
loving God, you come to us now  
as you have come to your people in every age.  
We thank you for all who have reflected   
 the light of Christ.  
Help us to follow their example  
and bring us with them to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

F57

Prayers of Intercession (Incarnation, to use in Epiphany)

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and bring us with them to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

F58

Let us worship the Saviour with joy   
and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

The Magi came from the east to worship your Son:  
Father, grant to Christians everywhere   
 the spirit of adoration …   
Lord of glory,  
hear our prayer.

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh:  
Father, accept the offering of our hearts and minds  
[at the beginning of this year] …   
Lord of glory,  
hear our prayer.

The kingdoms of this world have become   
 the kingdom of our God and of his Christ:  
Father, grant an abundance of peace to your world …   
Lord of glory,  
hear our prayer.

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death:  
Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless,   
 and all who suffer …   
Lord of glory,  
hear our prayer.

Your Son shared the life of his home and family   
 at Nazareth:  
Father, protect in your love our neighbours,  
our families and this community of which we are a part …   
Lord of glory,  
hear our prayer.

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship   
with the shepherds, the angels, the magi,   
the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph  
and all the faithful departed,  
In your unfailing love for us and for all people,  
 hear and answer our prayers through your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

F59

[Let us pray to the Father,  
who loved the world so much that he sent   
 his only Son to give us life.]

Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry the cross   
 for your Son.

Silence

Give us grace to lift heavy loads from those we meet  
and to stand with those condemned to die.  
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble   
 to share his clothes.

Silence

Transform the hearts of those who make a profit   
 from their victims,  
and those whose hearts are hardened by their work.  
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

The thief, who was crucified with Jesus,   
was promised a place in your kingdom,

Silence

Give pardon and hope, healing and peace  
to all who look death in the face.  
Lord, hear us:  
Lord, graciously hear us.

From the cross, Jesus entrusted Mary his mother and   
 John his disciple to each other's care.

Silence

Help us also to care for one another  
and fill our homes with the spirit of your love  
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

The centurion was astonished to recognize your glory  
 in the crucified Messiah.

Silence

Open the minds of those who do not know you  
to grasp in your Son the meaning of life and death.  
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

Joseph of Arimathea came to take your Son’s body away.

Silence

Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved,  
gentleness to those who minister to them,  
and courage to those whose faith is secret.  
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

Simon and Joseph, Mary and John,  
became part of the life of your church in Jerusalem.  
Bring into your Church today a varied company of people,  
to walk with Christ in the way of his passion,  
and to find their salvation in the victory of his cross.  
Lord of the Church:  
hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever.   
Amen.

F60

In joy and hope we pray.  
We pray to the Father.  
Hear our prayer.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious   
 and life-giving resurrection …   
We pray to the Father.  
Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches   
 may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter …   
we pray to the Father.  
Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility   
 to be subject to one another in Christian love …   
we pray to the Father.  
Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food,   
 work, or shelter …   
we pray to the Father.  
Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine   
 may cease through all the world …   
we pray to the Father.  
Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,   
 the weak and the dying,  
to comfort and strengthen them …   
we pray to the Father.  
Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon   
 his people,  
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,  
we pray to the Father.  
Hear our prayer.

F61

Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority.  
Let us seek his intercession  
that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.  
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, great high priest,  
living for ever to intercede for us,  
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world …   
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness,  
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,  
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule …   
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,  
drawing humanity into the life of God,  
pray for your brothers and sisters in need,   
 distress or sorrow …   
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation,  
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,  
surround with your saints and angels  
those who have died trusting your promises …   
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,  
ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,  
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for   
 work in your service …   
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ,   
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order   
 to worship at your feet;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father   
 and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.   
Amen.

F62

[We pray to God the Holy Spirit.   
Holy Spirit, come upon us.]

Come, Holy Spirit, creator,   
and renew the earth.  
Holy Spirit, come upon us.

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor,  
and touch our lips that we may proclaim your word.  
Holy Spirit, come upon us.

Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high.  
make us channels of peace and ministers of healing:  
Holy Spirit, come upon us.

Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God,  
give life to the dry bones around us,  
and make us a living people, holy and free.  
Holy Spirit, come upon us.

Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth;  
strengthen us to be bold in faith.  
Holy Spirit, come upon us.

F63

[We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.   
Lord, come to bless us.  
Fill us with your Spirit.]

Generous God, we thank you for the power   
 of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.  
Lord, come to bless us.  
Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.  
Lord, come to bless us.  
Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to keep us confident of your love,  
wherever you call us.  
Lord, come to bless us.  
Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness  
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.  
Lord, come to bless us.  
Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to equip us for the work which you   
 have given us.  
Lord, come to bless us.  
Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.  
Lord, come to bless us.  
Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit,  
given by the risen Lord.  
We ask you to keep the whole Church,   
living and departed,  
in the joy of eternal life.  
Lord, come to bless us.  
Fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah   
 at the River Jordan,  
and upon the disciples in the upper room.  
In your mercy fill us with your Spirit.  
Hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever.   
Amen.

F64

[We pray that God’s Holy Spirit may direct our lives.  
Lord, come to bless us.  
Fill us with your Spirit.]

‘The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy and peace.’   
Father, we know that your world needs love and harmony.  
Lord, come to bless us.  
Fill us with your Spirit.

‘The fruit of the Spirit is patience, kindness and goodness.’   
Father, we know that our world is starved of love and care.  
Lord, come to bless us.  
Fill us with your Spirit.

‘The fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness, gentleness   
 and self-control.’  
Father, we know that our world is short of truth   
 and justice.  
Lord, come to bless us.  
Fill us with your Spirit.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.   
Amen.

cf Galatians 5.22, 23

F65

[We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.  
Jesus, Lord of the Church,  
in your mercy, hear us.]

You have called us into the family of those who are   
 the children of God.  
May our love for our brothers and sisters  
be strengthened by your grace.  
Jesus, Lord of the Church,  
in your mercy, hear us.

You have called us to be a temple  
where the Holy Spirit can dwell.  
Give us clean hands and pure hearts,  
so that our lives will reflect your holiness.  
Jesus, Lord of the Church,  
in your mercy, hear us.

You have called us to be a light to the world,  
so that those in darkness come to you.  
May our lives shine   
as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all.  
Jesus, Lord of the Church,  
in your mercy, hear us.

You have called us to be members of your body,  
so that when one suffers, all suffer together.  
We ask for your comfort and healing power  
to bring hope to those in distress.  
Jesus, Lord of the Church,  
in your mercy, hear us.

You have called us to be the Bride,  
where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom.  
Prepare us for the wedding feast,  
where we will be united with you for ever.  
Jesus, Lord of the Church,  
hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever.   
Amen.

F66

High and holy God,   
robed in majesty,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
we pray that you will bring justice, faith and   
 salvation to all peoples.  
[Especially we pray … ]  
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

You chose us in Christ to be your people  
and to be the temple of your Holy Spirit;  
we pray that you will fill your Church with   
 vision and hope.  
[Especially we pray … ]  
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

Your Spirit enables us to cry, ‘Abba! Father!’,  
affirms that we are fellow-heirs with Christ  
and pleads for us in our weakness;  
we pray for all who are in need or distress.  
[Especially we pray … ]  
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

In the baptism and birth of Jesus,  
you have opened heaven to us  
and enabled us to share in your glory:  
the joy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
from before the world was made.  
[Especially we remember … ]  
May your whole Church, living and departed,  
come to a joyful resurrection in your city of light.  
Lord, hear us.  
Lord, graciously hear us.

F67

[We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
in your mercy, hear us.]

Jesus, light of the world,  
bring the light and peace of your gospel  
 to the nations …   
Jesus, Lord of life,  
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,  
give food to the hungry …   
and nourish us all with your word.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,  
be with us and all who follow you in the way …   
Deepen our appreciation of your truth,  
and fill us with your life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,  
recover the straggler,   
bind up the injured,  
strengthen the sick  
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,  
we give you thanks for all who have lived and   
 believed in you …   
Raise us with them to eternal life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
in your mercy, hear us,  
accept our prayers, and be with us always.   
Amen.

F68

[We pray for the family of the Church,   
for loving relationships,   
and for the life of families around us.  
Jesus, Lord of love,  
in your mercy, hear us.]

Jesus, born in poverty and soon a refugee,  
be with families today who are poor  
and live in hunger and want …   
Jesus, Lord of love,  
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, as you grew in wisdom and in favour with   
 God and the people  
in the family of Joseph the carpenter,  
bring wisdom and the presence of God  
into the work and growth of families today …   
Jesus, Lord of love,  
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, as you blessed marriage in the wedding at Cana,  
be with those preparing for marriage  
and with those who come to the end of   
 their resources …   
Jesus, Lord of love,  
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, as you healed Peter’s mother-in-law,  
bring healing to those in our families who are ill today …   
Jesus, Lord of love,  
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, when you were dying you called Mary and John to   
 care for one another.  
Provide today for those who lose their families:  
the bereaved and childless, orphans and widows …   
Jesus, Lord of love,  
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, as you ate breakfast on the beach with   
 your disciples  
after you were raised from the dead,  
bring the whole Church on earth and in heaven  
into your risen presence to eat at the eternal banquet.  
Jesus, Lord of love,  
in your mercy, hear us,  
accept our prayers and be with us always.   
Amen.

F69

[Let us pray to God, our heavenly Father.  
Father of all  
hear your children’s prayer.]

Sovereign Lord,   
your Son has revealed you as our heavenly Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
Father of all  
hear your children’s prayer.

You have made your Church a spiritual family,   
a household of faith.  
Through baptism we are reborn as the brothers and   
 sisters of Christ.  
Deepen our unity and fellowship in him.  
Father of all  
hear your children’s prayer.

You sent your Son to give his life   
as a ransom for the whole human family.  
Give justice, peace and racial harmony to the   
 world he died to save.  
Father of all  
hear your children’s prayer.

You gave your Son a share in the life of a   
 family in Nazareth.  
Help us to value our families, to be thankful for them,  
and to live sensitively within them.  
Father of all  
hear your children’s prayer.

Your Son drew around him a company of friends.  
Bring love and joy to all who are alone.  
Help us all to find in the brothers and sisters of Christ  
 a loving family.  
Father of all  
hear your children’s prayer.

You are the God of the dead as well as of the living.  
In confidence we remember those of the household of   
 faith who have gone before us.  
Bring us with them to the joy of your home in heaven.  
Father of all  
hear your children’s prayer.

F70

[We pray to the Lord for the courage to give ourselves to   
 him [this Lent].  
Lord, meet us in the silence.  
Give us strength and hear our prayer.]

Give us the courage to look beyond ourselves   
 to mission in your world.  
[We pray for N our bishop and … ]

May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus   
bring forgiveness to your people   
and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation.  
Lord, meet us in the silence.  
Give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred,   
and to seek peace.  
[We pray for… ]

May the shoulders of the risen Jesus,   
once scourged by soldiers,  
bear the burden of political and military conflict in   
 our world.  
Lord, meet us in the silence.  
Give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy  
in our families, neighbourhoods and communities.  
[We pray for… ]

May the presence of the risen Jesus,  
his body once broken and now made whole,  
bring peace and direction as we live with one another.  
Lord, meet us in the silence.  
Give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to live for others,  
giving time, care and comfort to the sick and those in need.  
[We pray for… ]

May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing,  
and the light of his presence fill their lives.  
Lord, meet us in the silence.  
Give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death  
and to rejoice with those who have died in faith.  
[Especially we hold … in our minds.]

May the risen Lord Jesus, whose feet were once nailed to the cross,  
walk alongside the dying and bereaved,  
and lead them and all your Church, through death   
 to the gate of glory.  
Lord, meet us in the silence.  
Give us strength and hear our prayer,  
here and in eternity.   
Amen.

F71

[We pray for God’s faithfulness to be known in our world.  
Faithful God  
glorify your name.]

In a world of change and hope,  
of fear and adventure;  
faithful God  
glorify your name.

In human rebellion and obedience,  
in our seeking and our finding;  
faithful God  
glorify your name.

In the common life of our society,  
in prosperity and need;  
faithful God  
glorify your name.

As your Church proclaims your goodness in   
 words and action;  
faithful God  
glorify your name.

Among our friends  
and in our homes;  
faithful God  
glorify your name.

In our times of joy,  
in our days of sorrow;  
faithful God  
glorify your name.

In our strengths and triumphs,  
in our weakness and at our death;  
faithful God  
glorify your name.

In your saints in glory  
and on the day of Christ’s coming;  
faithful God  
glorify your name.

F72

[We pray for the coming of God’s kingdom.  
Father, by your Spirit  
bring in your kingdom.]

You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor,  
sight to the blind,   
freedom to captives,  
and salvation to your people:  
anoint us with your Spirit;  
rouse us to work in his name.  
Father, by your Spirit  
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor   
and freedom to the oppressed.  
Father, by your Spirit  
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to tell the world   
the good news of your healing love.  
Father, by your Spirit  
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to those who mourn,  
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.  
Father, by your Spirit  
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time is here  
for you to save your people.  
Father, by your Spirit  
bring in your kingdom.

God of mercy,  
you know us and love us  
and hear our prayer:  
keep us in the eternal fellowship of   
 **Jesus Christ our Saviour.**  
Amen.

cf Isaiah 61.1-3

F73

[In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father   
through Christ the saviour of the world.  
Let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.]

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,   
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin   
 which mean spiritual death,   
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,   
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people,   
that through the suffering of disunity   
there may grow a rich union in Christ,   
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them,   
 and administer them,   
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,   
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,   
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty   
to work openly for justice and peace,   
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,   
that they may find support and encouragement,   
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship,   
 failure, or sorrow,   
feel that God is far from them,   
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,   
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith,   
may find mercy in the day of Christ,   
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

This may also be used

Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.

F74

[Let us pray to the Lord, who has conquered death.  
Hear us, risen Lord,  
our resurrection and our life.]

Jesus, bread from heaven,  
you satisfy the hungry with good things:  
grant us a share with all the faithful departed  
in the banquet of your kingdom.  
Hear us, risen Lord,  
our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, the light of the world,  
you gave the man born blind the gift of sight.  
Open the eye of faith  
and bring us from darkness   
to your eternal light and glory.  
Hear us, risen Lord,  
our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, Son of the living God,  
you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life:  
raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.  
Hear us, risen Lord,  
our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, crucified Saviour,  
in your dying you entrusted each to the other,  
Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple:  
sustain and comfort all who mourn.  
Hear us, risen Lord,  
our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, our way and truth and life,  
you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith:  
reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.  
Hear us, risen Lord,  
our resurrection and our life.

May God in his infinite love and mercy   
bring the whole Church,   
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,   
to a joyful resurrection   
and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.   
Amen.

F75

United in the company of all the faithful   
and looking for the coming of the kingdom,  
let us offer our prayers to God,   
the source of all life and holiness.

Merciful Lord,  
strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit,  
that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation  
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Lord, have mercy.

Bless N our bishop, and all ministers of your Church,  
that by faithful proclamation of your word  
we may be built on the foundation of the apostles   
 and prophets  
into a holy temple in the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ  
from glory to glory.  
Lord, have mercy.

Give to the world and its peoples  
the peace that comes from above,  
that they may find Christ’s way of freedom and life.  
Lord, have mercy.

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the   
 service of the poor and needy;  
all those who minister to the sick and dying;  
and all who bring light to those in darkness.  
Lord, have mercy.

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin   
 or disfigured by pain,  
that, raised from death to life in Christ,  
their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.  
Lord, have mercy.

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us,  
who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity;  
preserve in your faith your servants on earth,  
guide us to your kingdom,   
and grant us your peace at all times.  
Lord, have mercy.

Hasten the day when many will come   
from east and west, from north and south,  
and sit at table in your kingdom.  
Lord, have mercy.

We give you thanks  
for the whole company of your saints in glory,  
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;  
by your grace may we, like them,   
 be made perfect in your love.

Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honour and power,  
be to our God for ever and ever.   
Amen.

(or)

Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake our your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

F76

[In faith and hope we pray,   
Lord of mercy,  
Lord, hear us.]

Almighty God,  
you bring your chosen people together   
 in one communion,  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
We rejoice in your light and your peace  
with your whole Church in heaven and on earth.  
Lord of mercy,  
Lord, hear us.

[Give to all who mourn a sure confidence   
 in your loving care,  
that we may cast all our sorrow on you  
and know the consolation of your love.  
Lord of mercy,  
Lord, hear us.]

Give your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind.  
Lord of mercy,  
Lord, hear us.

Give us strength to meet the days ahead  
in the joyful expectation of eternal life   
 with those you love.  
Lord of mercy,  
Lord, hear us.

Give to us who are still in our pilgrimage,  
and who walk as yet by faith,  
your Holy Spirit to lead us in holiness and righteousness   
all our days.  
Lord of mercy,  
Lord, hear us.

May all who have been made one with Christ  
in his death and in his resurrection  
die to sin and rise to newness of life.  
Lord of mercy,  
Lord, hear us