

Most loving God, we give you thanks for the beauty of your created world, which you have loved since the dawn of time.

We pray for those places where your creation is wilfully destroyed or carelessly neglected.

Teach us how to cherish and care for the earth, to share justly with all people the bounty that you provide.

Loving God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the richness and diversity of human life, for our brothers and sisters in this and other lands.

We pray for all who lack the necessities of daily life, those who face danger, conflict or persecution.

Teach us your ways of justice, that violence and oppression may cease and all nations know the blessings of freedom and peace.

Loving God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer

We give thanks that in your love for us you sent your Son to bring salvation to the world.

We pray for the church, for all with responsibility of leadership and administration, for all who serve you in this place.

Teach us to trust your word, that in faith we may follow where you lead and bring to fruition your purpose in our lives.

Loving God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer

We give thanks that in your love for us you reach out to heal the sick, befriend the lonely and comfort the sad.

We pray for all who are in trouble or distress, for those whose lives are cold and bleak, for those who mourn the loss of loved ones, for the sick, the dying and all who care for them.

teach us to love others as you love us, that we may bring the light of your healing presence to all who are in need.

Loving God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer

. Within our Parish we pray for: READ Weekly Prayer sheet

Loving God, we give you thanks that you promise to those who believe in you the gift of everlasting life.

We remember your faithful people of every age, your servants Abraham and Sarah and all who have heard your call and believed your promises.

Teach us to follow in their footsteps, that we may be brought to a new birth, grow in your likeness and, with all your saints, enter into the joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Loving God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer

We offer our prayers together as we pray:

God, our glory,
you opened Abraham's eyes
to the wonderful vision of his destiny,
and by water and Holy Spirit
you have made us able to perceive your kingdom.
Deepen this faith you have bestowed,
and open the hearts of many
to that love which has so loved the world.
We ask this is in the name of Jesus,
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.. **Amen.**

And then place the folder ON THE ALTAR.