

Prayers of intercession

Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer, Comforter, we bring our prayers for the world and all of humanity, those near and far, known and unknown.

Almighty God, with violence and quarrels, wars and disputes, fractures and breaks in so much of the world's society, across so many continents, we pray that more and more people will catch the vision that is yours, to break down the barriers of faith and culture, of race, language and ability. And that leaders of nations will catch the vision to inspire their people to live better, healthier, happier, fairer and more 'just' lives.

We pray for reconciliation for past wars and on-going wars and violence and cruelty. We pray that anger and the desire for more power can be wiped away, making all things new for peace and harmony, acceptance and love.

We pray for those who lurch from one day to the next, uncertain about homes and houses, food and medicine; uncertain about what is there for them and how they can get the help they need and how they can meet bills and pay off debts.

We pray for those who have lost sight of their place in society, lost understanding of how we each need to play our part to help and support each other as best we can, and lost the ability of give and take.

We pray for the ill and those worried about tests and diagnosis and treatment. We pray for those who are near the end of their life alone and afraid. We pray for those who mourn and grieve for love lost and hopes dashed.

May we, in the way we live out our lives, do all we can to make visible God's love for the world.

In the name of our Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer and Comforter, we offer these prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts.

Amen.