

God of all grace, though we look to heaven to find you, turn our eyes to the world in which we live. Help us to see you at work around us and to place all our anxieties for ourselves, our community and our world into your loving hands.

Lord in your mercy      **Hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, though we are often afraid as the first disciples were, keep us close to you and constant in prayer. Help us to remember that your word was given to comfort us in times of trial, risk, difficulty and violence and to trust that you hold us in your wounded hands. We pray for people who are persecuted for their faith and for people whose faith leads them to speak out against injustice, at great risk to themselves.

May we not be surprised when our faith is tested by life and its struggles but trust you for the strength we need to survive. You affirm the value of our lives on this earth: keep us all firm in our desire to serve you, although it may cost us everything.

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God of all grace, though our government seems precarious and divided and people are agitated and angry and experiencing hardships caused by the cost of living, give us hope for the future. We pray for an end to the political psychodrama and infighting, for a renewed focus on the challenges of people's daily lives, and on finding answers to the inequality that destroys well-being. We pray too for calm, competent and brave government that delivers the change that our society needs and ask that all members of the government will make wise rather than self-serving choices. We pray for international leadership that seeks peace with justice, remembering particularly Ukraine, which is facing new bombardment by Russia, and the Middle East. And we pray for urgent action to eliminate the starvation, disease, trauma and suffering caused by war.

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God of all grace, though our efforts seem so small when so much need surrounds us, we ask for your strength. We pray for members of our community who work tirelessly to improve the lives of others and for people who do the mundane and often unnoticed work that our lives depend upon. We pray for volunteers in our church community, giving thanks for their unassuming but generous service to others. May we treat one another with gentleness and kindness and carry each other through when life causes us pain.

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God of all grace, though life can be hard and sometimes we cannot see the way ahead teach us to trust you when darkness surrounds us. We pray especially for anyone who today feels despairing or overwhelmed by life; and for the sick and the lonely that they will be comforted by your love that meets us where we are. Root us in community and in friendship and help us to restore and support each other when the going is tough.

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God of all grace, though our planet suffers and all its creatures cry out for freedom from harm, we do not always see that our actions matter. Challenge us to bring beauty and healing to this good earth, before it is too late. We pray for conservationists, scientists and activists; for people who work to protect our habitats, ecosystems, waterways, coastlines and wildlife; for all who reveal the wonder of the world to us; and for all who confront us with the impact of our lifestyle and choices. May we pay attention to the harm we can cause and learn to live more gently on the earth.

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God of all grace, though our lives and our world are full of uncertainty and suffering may come, you will love us to the end. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit and equip us to do the painstaking work of creating heaven on earth. May we be faithful companions of Jesus in his work of transformation.

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