

Merciful God, we bring to you in prayer those places in the world where regimes rule harshly and brutally, and pray especially for those condemned to death for protesting, for seeking justice, for speaking truth.

Sustain and strengthen them and inspire all in authority and all of us to show:

Love in our actions, mercy in our judgements, integrity in our words, and generosity in our relationships.

We pray for those in the public eye whose struggles and mistakes are shared around the world. We pray too for journalists and broadcasters with all the responsibilities and opportunities those professions bring.

Sustain and strengthen them and inspire all in positions of influence and all of us to show:

Love in our actions, mercy in our judgements, integrity in our words, and generosity in our relationships.

We pray for those in places of continuing and escalating violence, for children caught up in violence for families divided by war, for refugees facing hostility and hardship.

Sustain and strengthen them and inspire all with the power to silence the guns and all of us to show:

Love in our actions, mercy in our judgements, integrity in our words, and generosity in our relationships.

We pray for safety for all those visiting the coasts and places of beauty, for resilience for those in the emergency services, for consideration for everyone who is out, for safety on the roads and railways, and for comfort for all those who have lost loved ones in accidents on land or sea or in the air.

Sustain and strengthen them and inspire all in positions of responsibility and all of us to show:

Love in our actions, mercy in our judgements, integrity in our words, and generosity in our relationships.

We pray for your church throughout the world, that we would take light and hope to the places of conflict, of darkness, of indifference, of despondency. We pray for ourselves as we seek to offer a welcome to those in our communities and to reach out to all in need. Sustain and strength all who feel overwhelmed, and all in positions of leadership, and inspire all of us to show:

Love in our actions, mercy in our judgements, integrity in our words, and generosity in our relationships.

And we pray for our families and friends and all with whom we share our life's journey, for those we are close to and those from whom we are estranged, for those who are celebrating and those who are low, for those who are carers and those for who are cared, for those in the early days of their lives and for those taking their last steps. Sustain and strengthen them and inspire us all to show:

Love in our actions, mercy in our judgements, integrity in our words, and generosity in our relationships.

Amen.