

Lord, open our hearts and minds to your presence. As your love touches us, may we have the vision to reach out to others. Overcome our fears of personal inadequacy so that we may strive to extend our vision, capabilities and sense of purpose so that we may grow in your service.

Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer

In a world where climate change, turmoil, war and suffering abound, we pray that men and women of vision and courage may find the moral courage and strength to work tirelessly to find ways to solve what seems so humanly impossible. We particularly continue to pray for the people of Israel, the Palestinians and those in Lebanon, where suffering seems to know no end. We can only pray and hold on to hope with the words of today's Old Testament reading from Jeremiah, "With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back".

Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer

We praise you for all the men and women of vision, for all who through their insight have built up your church. We give thanks for writers, musicians, craftspeople and church leaders who have played a part in enacting the vision. We pray for our own church community and for those who lead and all who serve.

Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer

We pray for those whose sight is impaired and all who are blind. We give thanks for the support services and charities who work with the blind and deafblind. We also give thanks for the inspirational lives of many blind people, as demonstrated in events such as the Paralympics, whose vision of what is possible can inspire us.

Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer

We remember those in our congregation who are unwell at this time and those for whom the season of less sunlight is challenging. We pray especially today for those living in May Tree Avenue and Hazlehurst Crescent.

Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer

We give thanks for all whose vision is now lost in clear sight, all who behold your glory. We pray for loved ones departed and those who grieve.

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