

God of hope and comfort, as we look on the brokenness of our world and on our own fears and dreams for the future, we pray for trust in your provision for us. Hear our cry. Come close to us and help us, O Lord.

**Give us your peace.**

God of hope and comfort, as Christian Aid week begins we pray for agencies working on the front line of human suffering here and abroad.

For those whose daily lives are given to alleviating displacement, danger and distress and for all who speak up for the needs of those who do not have a voice.

Hear our cry. Come close to us and help us, O Lord.

**Give us your peace.**

God of hope and comfort, as the impact of local elections is felt in recriminations, regrets and new responsibility, we pray for the dedicated and brave service of the people in our local government in England, in the Scottish Parliament and in the Senedd; for wise decision making, though resources are slim and funds are stretched; and for the repairing of the fabric that holds us all together.

Hear our cry. Come close to us and help us, O Lord.

**Give us your peace.**

God of hope and comfort, as war destroys life and hope in many countries of our troubled world, we pray for journalists who seek to bring the truth into our living rooms; for protection from harm as they seek out danger to expose its causes; and for courage in speaking truth to power in spite of the cost.

Hear our cry. Come close to us and help us, O Lord.

**Give us your peace.**

God of hope and comfort, as strikes continue in Southern Lebanon in spite of the ceasefire and people in Gaza weep amid the mountains of rubble and flattened homes, we pray for determination to bring an end to these conflicts and for hope to flourish where everything seems to be destroyed.

Hear our cry. Come close to us and help us, O Lord.

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God of hope and comfort, as tensions mount In the Strait of Hormuz, ships and their crews and cargo are stranded and Iran and the United States issue increasingly violent threats, we pray for a plan for peace and for wisdom to guide what happens next.

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God of hope and comfort, as those we love struggle with illness, pain or any kind of loss, we pray for your love to surround them and all who care for them. We pray for all who work in medical and social care settings and for paramedics and district nurses and ask that you would give them strength for today's challenges.

Hear our cry. Come close to us and help us, O Lord.

**Give us your peace.**

God of hope and comfort, as we try to live faithfully for you in this community, we pray for the strength of the Holy Spirit to surround us and lead us in the footsteps of your Son.

Hear our cry. Come close to us and help us, O Lord.

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