

O Lord, our God, you call us in the depths of our being. Open our ears to your call, open our hearts to your love and open our minds to your purpose for us.

Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.

We pray for all who hear your call and seek to do your will. We pray for those who have a vocation to the ordained ministry. We give thanks for the ministry of our retired clergy and for clergy in the deanery and beyond who are taking services in the interregnum. We pray that over the coming months of the interregnum you will support us as a church as we are all called to faithfully serve our parish and its people.

Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.

We pray for our world, a world where deep divisions between and within nations have led to conflict and wars. We pray for the people of Iran at this time of violence; for the many who grieve lost loved ones and who fear for the future. We pray for the divisions within nations where suspicion of those who are different to us, in belief or race or colour, have led to fear, intolerance and sometimes acts of violence. May we listen and respond to your call, where all are welcome.

Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.

We pray for our local community and for those called to the caring professions. We pray for those who work in our local Care Homes, GP Surgeries and in our Hospitals or in Safeguarding. We give thanks for their dedication. We pray for those who worship with us but live outside the parish.

Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.

We pray for those who are in despair, are discouraged, are sick or alone, for whom your call has become less clear and it is hard to find purpose. We pray that they may feel surrounded by your love and the active support of family, friends or the community.

Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.

We give thanks for those who have served you faithfully and are now at rest.

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

