Let us pray for the church and for the world and thank God for his goodness.

Dear Lord “See you next week, barring plague and pestilence,” used to be a cheeky parting shot amongst friends that reflected our confidence and our control of our world. But that all changed in March when we were brought up sharp by Covid-19 and realised our vulnerability and dependence on You. Thank you that you promised through your Son Jesus to hear us when we pray in faith.

Lord in Your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves and our need for humility. The humility to know our own failings, the humility to accept we might be wrong, the humility to be able to change. We need the insight to know that despite our failings and the sin we can see in ourselves, You continue to love us and we must be able to love ourselves too.

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**HOP**

Bless and guide our parliament in the work it is doing. Sometimes it is difficult to be polite about what we see and hear happening there. When the public is instructed to follow the law. Then that same government sets out plans that they say will break international law. We pray that they might seek the common good not political point scoring and financial gain.

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**HOP**

We pray for the places in the world where the rule of law is even more fragile than our own, for Belorussia, Gaza, Yemen, Israel, Iran & Iraq to give a short list from the headlines, some huge, some small, all filled with people you love, as you love all of your creation. How are we to pray for them Lord? Justice, peace? Give meaning to our confused prayers.

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**HOP**

Comfort and heal those who are sick in body, mind or spirit. The pandemic continues to sweep through the world exacerbating the care problems for the chronically sick. Give all courage and hope in their sickness and bring them to wholeness in your salvation

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We remember those who have died, especially any who have died alone. According to your promises bring us with them to a place in your kingdom.

**Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**