Let us pray for the Church and for the World, thanking God for her goodness.

Thank you for the small amounts of rain we have had in these last few days. The extreme heat we had earlier this week has given the lie to the word ”Warming”. It was fierce Lord. Give us insight so that we can see what to do to enable our children and grandchildren to live here in this tree filled parish.

Oh Lord, hear our prayer.

Enable this, your church, that we might manage the changes that are coming. Give us the skill to do what we need to do, the nerve to leave undone what is not important and the insight to know which is which. There is so much to do.

Oh Lord, hear our prayer.

Give wisdom and honesty to all in authority. Both are in short supply in our country as well the lands that are at war. You know these places. Where streams of prayer must ascend to You from anguished souls. Extreme violence, blistering heat, fires, devastating floods all made worse by a predatory delay in actions needed to stop the suffering and allow people and the earth to heal.

Oh Lord, hear our prayer.

Give grace to us, our families and friends that we might shine with Your light in this place giving hope to those we meet by using that under rated virtue of kindness. Thank you for holidays as we get chance to see more of our children.

Oh Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those we know who are sick. Judith, Q, Tom, Pam, Helen.

Comfort & heal, whether their dis ease is in plain sight or carried silently with no outward sign. Give all courage and hope in their trouble and bring them to the joy of Your salvation.

Oh Lord, hear our prayer.

Mother and Father god, in your presence we remember all our loved ones & friends who are departed from us. My they rejoice in your love and presence now & evermore.

Oh Lord, hear our prayer.

Merciful Father

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

Amen.

Now we pray using the prayer Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.