

The response to the bidding 'Lord in your Mercy' is 'Hear our Prayer'.

On this 5th Sunday of Easter, let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Eternal God, Light of the nations, in Christ you make all things new: guide our nation in the coming weeks as we face new challenges. Give wisdom and truth to those to whom the government of our country has been entrusted that they will work for the wellbeing of all.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that throughout our lives, when we have been lost, you have shown us the way. We pray that your presence may be seen clearly in what we do each day throughout the coming week. By our words and actions, we ask that others may find that you are their 'Way' which leads to eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father God we pray for the young people in our families, our church and community. May they grow up knowing your Truth, having love, valuing life and respecting others. Give them courage and hope as they face these momentous changes in their lives and help them to see opportunities in all the challenges that stretch out before them.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray especially today for the work of our own Church's charity, The Children's Society, the work of which is increased at this time. We pray that you will be with its officers and volunteers as they try to give help to families who are facing poverty, who are lost in a cycle of debt, and who despair about the future. We pray that you will give hope to those who are facing financial crises; provide for those who have nothing. May we all learn generosity and selflessness through this pandemic.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Gracious God we pray for your healing touch to rest upon those who are sick; for your strength to be felt by those who are weary or distressed; for your wisdom and your love to encourage those who live with despair and fear. We especially pray today again for our sister Heather Dean's grandson Jackson. Be with him we pray, and with all those who love and care for him.

At this point in our intercessions, we all know someone who is on our heart who needs to feel God's love and healing just now. Let us take a moment to bring them before God and leave our worries with Him.

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Mighty God, Your Son, our Saviour, Christ declared himself to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Through the redemptive power of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you have freed us from the grip of the tomb. We pray for those who have departed this life and ask you, through your loving kindness, to bless them and those who are bereaved by their passing.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

As we always do in Church, let us end our prayers by saying together The Grace.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy spirit be with us all evermore,

AMEN

Every Blessing,

Christine Armstrong