



Today's reading is from Matthew's Gospel, depicting Christ walking on the water and Peter, at first his faith sustaining him, doing likewise, and then being overcome by doubts. How like Peter we all are – but we can come before our Lord with our weakness and he will turn it into strength.

The response to the bidding 'Lord, in your mercy' is 'hear our prayer'.

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ understood people's fear and pain before they spoke of them, we pray for those who are sick, at home or in hospital; Surround the frightened with your tenderness; give strength to those in pain; hold the weak in your arms of love and give hope and patience to those who are recovering;

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving Father, you know our hearts and share our sorrows. You know when we are hurt by our parting from those whom we loved. You know when we are angry at the loss we have sustained, and when we long for words of comfort, yet find them hard to hear. Be with all who grieve, and especially we pray today for the family of Robert Eaves in the rawness of their grieving.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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Merciful Lord, we bring before you our concerns for our wider world. We see violent conflict among many nations, with its resultant brutality and inhumanity and feel powerless and helpless. We pray that your Spirit will touch the hearts of those who can bring about change; calm the storm, we pray, just as Jesus did on the Sea of Galilee - and by your love instil reason in those whose unreason is causing such destruction of lives and communities.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for those whose relationships are difficult or who are struggling with the burden of debt. Lighten their darkness we pray and fill each one of us with the sense of your presence that we may, in our daily lives, walk closer with you.

In a moment of quietness, in our own homes or wherever we are, we bring before you Lord those that we know who are in need at this time.

Be with those we have named in our hearts, Lord. Comfort them; let the light of your countenance shine upon them and give them peace.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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,
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