

Gracious God

We thank you for your presence with us each day.

We thank you for sending your son, Jesus

Through whom a group of people gathered and saw clearly just how you want us to live.

And we thank you that those values and views have been continually renewed as they have come down the generations to us today.

Now it's our turn to live as you show us so that others will see you shining into the world through our actions.

Come and have breakfast Jesus said to Peter and his friends one day and they found their needs satisfied.

Come and have breakfast you still say to us today

And we come bringing our needs and we feel you say often in unexpected ways

Come, I will help you in all you feel.

The needs of your world are many at present Lord

Each of us faces a range of different situations, but each of us can rest knowing that you are ready and willing to step in when we feel alone or overwhelmed.

For some it is coming to terms with the direct, dramatic and dire consequences of COVID-19.

For others it is grappling with the expectations of those we see each day

Expectations of others,

Expectations even of the government.

We are all trying hard to live by the simple rule of give others space, but sometimes we do find it difficult.

We miss being with people

Help us know that you are with us in all we face.

As so easily focus on our own needs, Lord help us not to forget others.

There are still unfulfilled needs in your world.

There are so many countries where life at the best of times is not easy.

Help us remember that when the disciples hauled their full nets ashore they did not tear or split.

Remind us to spend time reflecting on what that tells us of unity in all aspects of life.

Specifically, today we ask that all who need food are fed

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Those who need shelter, receive it

Those in need of forgiveness find it

Those in need of comfort and reassurance are offered it

And those who need encouragement, or a kind word  
hear it.

For we are your people the church gathered but  
separate

All focused though on your word Jesus Christ through  
whom we pray together the words he 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 forever.  
Amen.