

Eternal Loving God,

You are our help and our deliverer

You are steadfast love and faithfulness

We thank you that not only are you with us now

But that you have been with us from before we were  
born.

Again and again

You drew your people

From the desolate pit.

You set our feet upon rock

We thank you that the shadow of your hand is around  
us

To shelter us

And protect us.

But most especially this morning

We thank you for sending your son

Your word

On whom the spirit descended at baptism.

And we thank you that that same spirit is part of us now  
That Spirit which helps us to hear you speak;

That spirit which helps us,  
like the disciples,  
to take up our cross and follow you;

We sit here this morning waiting patiently, but  
expectantly and in a moment or two of quietness we  
hold out our brothers and sisters from all over the world  
to you

Looking for your healing touch where it is needed  
Looking for words of encouragement when necessary  
But above all looking for your reassuring peace

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Hear our prayer Lord.

Loving God,  
We bring before you the people of our lives  
Working in jobs essential to the building up of our  
community  
but where the pace of life can often seem just too fast.  
Grant your peace that we may rest in the grace that  
enriches all.

We wonder today, Lord

About the world our children will inherit

Guide all parents as they struggle to fulfil

The responsibilities they face

Lighten family life with laughter,

Understanding and maturity.

We pray for the leaders of the world.

Keep them faithful and firm to your will in all their  
decisions.

Sustain those whose responsibility it is to manage the  
economies of the world

Balancing different and often conflicting needs.

Reassure those who face difficult ethical decisions

That you will provide wisdom and courage when it is  
required.

Loving God

We stand beside all who are hurting this morning

In body mind or spirit

All who need courage, support or practical help.

Make us willing to become part of your answer to our  
prayers for them

And where people find themselves victims

Be it of disaster, famine, volcano, fire or disease

Provide comfort and renewed strength;  
but above all friends to help them through their tough  
time.

Loving God

Your love holds in its embrace all your people:

Our families and friends

Both in this world and the next

We thank you for the memories of all who taught us  
about your love

And now reside with you.

Special people

Special memories

Now sharing a special promise;

A promise made possible through

The joy of your son

Who taught us when we pray to say....

Our Father.....

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.