

God of love

We thank you.

For in you is utter strength

Ultimate goodness

Complete faithfulness

Total compassion

And so God of love we thank you.

We thank you Lord

That when the time was right

You came to be with us

In your son Jesus Christ

Your gift for the world

And your pledge for our peace.

God of love we thank you too

For the presence of your spirit

Through which we bring to you this morning
your world.

Where there is a lack of love.

We know you love is patient and kind.

We pray for those looking after relations at home,

And for carers in homes, hospitals and hospices.

May they be supported by love.

Your love is never arrogant, nor boastful, nor rude.

We pray for those who are bullied

And for those who torment them.

May both find a love that is firm but free.

May you support us all with your love

That love that never insists on getting its own way.

We pray for those in marriages that are stretched to breaking point,
And for those wrapped up in their selfishness.

We pray for those who are irritable because they are tired.

We pray for those who are resentful because they feel hard done
by.

May they know your love

The love which softens hard hearts,

Sees both sides of a question,

And is willing to compromise.

Your love lord is a love that never rejoices in the wrong but only in
truth.

We pray for those caught up in corruption or a web of lies,

And for those who feel manipulated or abused.

May they know the love which has integrity and delights in the
truth.

Love bears all things

so we pray for those who carry burdens beyond their strength.

Love believes all things,

We pray for those who struggle with faith,

And doubt.

Love hopes all things

We pray for those at the end of their tether.

Love endures all things

We pray for those who suffer in silence,

And those who hunger and thirst for your way of love to prevail.
We ask these prayers in the name of Jesus
Your love with a human face.
Who shows us your kingdom come.
And taught us when we pray to say together
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.