

Loving God

We thank you for your message

Jesus Christ

Your son

For the assurance he brings of your triumph over death

The proof he offers

That love will always have the last word

and

God of endless possibilities

Above all

We thank you that even before the world existed

You loved us

That when the time was right

you sent your son to live our life

And you gave him your glory for all to see

In his life

His death and his resurrection.

And in doing so

You called all people to yourself

And challenged us to act as well as celebrate

And so we pray today

For those who seek you in you church and beyond

And for those who simply sit

And wait.

We name to you now in the silence of this time

Those who are uppermost in our hearts.

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Waiting to hear your voice.

The reassuring tones of the Good shepherd

Leading us

Keeping us safe in his hands.

Through your son

You fed the hungry

And felt the suffering of those

Who feel only oppression and economic exploitation.

Help your people to listen for your message of peace.

Throughout the world.

Loving God

You offer us endless possibilities

but there are times that we look at people's lives

And find it hard to believe things can ever change for
the better

Whether it be illness

Or the weight of anxiety

Or any one of the many things that take their struggling
toll through life.

Show us where we can help
Where we can see beyond appearances
and reach out to all in despair
as we bring help, hope, healing and wholeness
to those you love.

Almighty God

We praise you and thank you too today
For the memories and examples of all your people
Who once taught us and helped us build your church
But now lie at rest with you.
Keep us in that same faith
So that we too may sit
When the time is right
with those who were faithful and patient
and rest praising you

We ask these things through your son
Jesus Christ
Who taught us when we pray to say
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.

