

Loving God

We thank you that whoever we are

Wherever we are

Whatever we may be doing

You are with us

Constantly by our side

Travelling with us

Looking to lead us forward

Into new experiences of your love.

For you promised us

That when we come together in the name of Christ,

You and He are here among us

So we thank you that you are here now

Ready to speak, listen, forgive, teach and love.

Through your life giving

And life transforming Spirit.

Hear us now as we bring what concerns us most to you

All these people, our friends and family

Involved in so many difficult situations

Need your help

Your strength

Your love

Reach out to each one with compassion

And unfailing goodness.

We pray for all who lead us
Especially at this time
Where people no longer look for one true way forward
But need to learn to live with difference.
Help us solve our difficulties without harm
Show the leaders of the world how to make room
for those with different views.

We pray today too
For the weak and the vulnerable in the world
People who still struggle for water and food
People who feel exploited
Or hurt or lonely
Help the helpless Lord
Reach out to strengthen and support them.

Support too O loving Lord
Those who sit in silence
Thinking about how their life has changed
Maybe through the loss of a loved one
Or by the changing demands of health
Reach out to strengthen and support them too.
But help us too to reach out and support those around
us
As they did for each one of us here.

As we play our part in building your kingdom here on earth

We ask these things in the name of your son Jesus Christ
Amen