

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for your love;
A love that transforms our darkness
Draw us gently into your peace today.
Help us to rest assured in your faithfulness
A faithfulness that soothes our pain.
through the soft yet powerful words of your Son.
Your word made flesh
Your word broken on the cross:
A man who shares our sorrows
So that your creation might be healed

Attune our ears to the sounds of your creation
The laughter and tears of your world are gnawing
on our hearts
As we offer ourselves this morning to work in your
name
Such that all who have needs
Find their needs satisfied
Be it clothes or food
A listening ear
Or long sought after answers.

We pray for your church

Help us delight in its diversity

As we revel in giving a welcome to all

Who are called to be part of your kingdom

Whether that be in church, school or shopping mall.

We pray as well for those who

Find it impossible to believe

Open their eyes so that they too

May feel the force of your mysteries.

We pray for our leaders and our government

Faced with division and decision

All within tight timescales

At both local and national level

That they might harness

Ways of working and relating to each other

That allow our world to build hope.

Rest alongside those working in hospitals
and medical research.

Reassure them in these challenging times

When scientific endeavour often seems to be
viewed with suspicion.

Give them a glimpse into your heart,

A glimpse of the heart of creation that strengthens

And underpins all those exciting moments of
discovery

Those special moments of satisfying achievement
That bring healing in your creation.

Bring comfort and hope to all who are suffering at
present

In particular to those whom we name in a few
moments of silence

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Touch them with your love.

Whether in a hospital bed

Or sitting silently wondering at home.

Remind them all that you are passionately with
them

Whatever their situation.

Loving God

Your faithfulness flows down through the
generations

Urge us to find wholeness by remembering

All who served you by serving others
Especially those most dear to us
And lift us into the light when the time is right
So we too can join those that trusted in you
Through your Son Jesus Christ who
Lives and reigns with you
And the Holy Spirit
One God now and for ever.

Amen