

Let us pray

Loving God

We thank you that you are a God of love and compassion

And show that through the time you have for each of us.

Through your infinite patience and goodness our lives are enriched.

So today as we give thanks to you

We ask that you help us to make time for you too.

We thank you that you sent your son, Jesus, to teach us that you can use everyone for your kingdom work.

Help us to accept one another as we really are.

We pray today particularly

for those for whom love has involved pain:

maybe in families

or in the way life has changed .

We pray too for those who find it hard to love and show their true feelings.

Maybe because of

Upbringing,

Betrayal

through illness

or finding it difficult to trust others.

Touch all of our hearts with the love of your Son, Jesus.

Loving god

We do live in a complex world of human relationships.

Relationships that can bring joy

But are also capable of pain.

We pray for those in your world

Who find things difficult at present.

Possibly because of inadequate homes

Or no food

Limited water

People who face disease

Or live within economies full of debt.

Loving God there are those in your world who have plenty

If we are among those who have plenty

Stir our hearts to respond to needs

To step in and help others

To sacrifice a little so that others may receive much

Hear our prayers loving God

They are sent to you in the name of your son Jesus Christ

Who 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.