

Loving God

We thank you that you have called us to be your witnesses

To tell the good news to the ends of the earth  
And so ensure more people know just what you have done for us.

We thank you that

You don't simply call others,  
That would allow us the option of leaving it to someone else.

You call us all without exception,

To go forth and tell.

Loving God we have heard and received your call.

Yet there is a bit of us that wants to hug the good news close to our hearts.

Help us to share it Lord.

We know there are moments of anxiety mixed in with the moments of joy

As we go out and share this good news.

Help us to recognise afresh all we have to share

And know that with your arm around our shoulder,

We are up to the job.

We know the job is more than just speaking to people

It's helping each other out

For there are so many in need in your world.

Reassure those who are anxious at this time.

Be with the parents, school children and teachers as they step into what for some may seem a strange way to be school.

Calm the fears of those who wonder what the future holds or anxiously await the results of medical tests.

Let those who are missing someone special know you stand with them  
For throughout the bible story we see that you move with your people to be with them in all we face.

Thrill our hearts again with the good news of Jesus that you ask us to spread

May its message not just soothe and calm others but stir once more our hearts and capture our imaginations

Breaking through an apathy, carelessness and indifference

For we know Loving God

That we have heard and received the good news

Save us from keeping it to ourselves.

Hear all our prayers brought to you through the prayer your son gave us to say together.

We 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.