

Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ,

You summed up the law in one simple word – love.

We thank you for doing that

And ask that you help us not to complicate it in our lives.

We have this knack of talking about love yet all too rarely practise it.

Help us to look to you who showed us love in action

a love that bears all things,

believes all things,

hopes all things

endures all things.

And help us to realise that unless

we have that then

All our words

All our faith

And all our religion

Counts for nothing.

For you

Our living god

Taught us to pray one day

Thy kingdom come

Thy will be done

We look forward to the day when that prayer is answered

A day when there shall be no more night, no more tears

An end to mourning and crying and pain

An end to death itself.

Sustain us, we pray, through all the uncertainties of life

With that sure and certain hope

And help us to live each day in the knowledge

That one day you will be all and in all

Lord Jesus

We sum up our prayer in the words you taught 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.