

Risen Lord, as we rejoice at your presence in our midst, teach us to follow you as your original disciples did, to be your hands and feet in the world today, to heal, to comfort, to lead and to bring the good news of your Gospel to all who would hear.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

As we see the wounds of your risen Son, we pray for our wounded and broken world. At this time of tension and uncertainty in the world, we pray for the leaders of nations, that they may be wise and gentle in their dealings; showing care and respect for others, particularly the many innocent civilians in troubled places who have done nobody any harm.

Lord, in your mercy ...

As the nation eases up from lock-down, we give thanks for the work of the many who have made this possible, and pray that all may show care and responsibility while enjoying this new freedom. We remember also those who continue to be affected by fear, distress or illness, those who need healing from past hurts, painful memories, or current griefs. Send your Spirit of courage, comfort and healing upon them and grant them the assurance that they are not alone, because you are with them.

Lord, in your mercy ...

We remember Her Majesty the Queen, at this sad and difficult time and pray that she may find consolation from the love and support of family, friends and the nation. We give thanks for the life of Prince Philip, for his great service to the country and the world, and his support for the Queen in both public and private life. We also remember and give thanks for the life of Leonard Trimm, a much loved church warden and loving husband of Marion. Grant her, and all who are bereaved comfort and strength.

Lord, in your mercy ...

As we prepare to go out from this place Lord, rejoicing in your triumph over sin and suffering, we pray for your presence with us now and all the days of our life, and the strength to take your message of joy and healing to all we encounter, not only with our lips, but in our lives.

We offer these prayers in the name of the one who died for us, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**