

God of love and hope,

Here, in this place, where generations before us have brought their troubles and sorrows, we lay down our troubles.

We remember:

- Those who have lost their health
- Those who have lost their livelihood
- Those who live in fear of human contact
- Those cut off from family and friends
- Those who could not go to the funeral to say goodbye
- The cancelled weddings, baptisms and family celebrations
- The 45,000 people we have lost.

We lay down our troubles.

God of love and hope,

Hear our prayer

Here, in this place, where generations before us have brought their joys and triumphs, let us give thanks for the new seeds that have grown in our lives.

- The unexpected time spent with family
- The time spent outdoors and in our gardens
- The books we have read and the TV programmes we have discovered
- The new technologies we have mastered
- The things we have mended and sorted in our homes
- The clean air we have breathed
- The respect we have gained for our keyworkers
- The love shown to us by our neighbours.

We give thanks for the new seeds that have grown in our lives.

God of love and hope,

Hear our prayer

Here, in this place, where generations before us have pledged themselves in your service, help us to scatter the seeds of love.

- For a cleaner world, where birdsong is louder than exhaust fumes
- For a fairer world, where life chances do not depend on the colour of your skin
- For a thankful world, where those who care for the vulnerable are properly appreciated and rewarded
- For a thoughtful world, where everyone has a place to lay their head and no one needs to be alone.

Help us to scatter the seeds of love.

God of love and hope,

Hear our prayer

Amen