

HARVEST.

Heavenly father, we come before you in this church dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin, the mother of your blessed Son Jesus Christ, together with churches throughout the world, celebrating this time of Harvest, of mellow mists & fruitfulness, thanking you for the generosity of our crops of fruit, vegetables, seeds & flowers which multiply prolifically to satisfy our every need. In our joy, may we never forget the millions of people suffering from hunger, thirst & homelessness. May our humble gifts to Food Banks alleviate some, especially those mothers who choose to feed their children with what little they have, rather than themselves.

Lord, in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

Loving Lord, you created this perfect planet for our pleasure. Forgive us for mistreating this glorious gift, as we pray that we have not left it too late to rectify our thoughtless actions now causing Climate Change, fearful for the future generations yet to come.

Lord, in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

King of Kings, we pray for our Royal Family, for Charles's first visit to Australia as King. May he & his Queen receive a warm welcome. May he & the Princess of Wales continue their recovery from their recent treatment for cancer, both diagnosed earlier this year.

Lord, in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

Gentle Jesus, the Old Testament taught the people – A tooth for a tooth, & an eye for an eye, but you taught us – To love our neighbour as ourselves & said Suffer the little children to come unto me, forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of heaven. Wars rage throughout this ever more dangerous world with increasing ferocity. Hear to our never ceasing Prayers for Peace. May Leaders of all nations harken to wise advice, listen with understanding & remediate in every situation where possible, in answer to the cries of those suffering from injustice.

Lord, in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

Holy Comforter, we bless you for all our doctors & Nurses, for our NHS , for all our Hospices & charities, all of whom are struggling financially & in many other ways. Look with love on the lonely, the sick & the dying, and on all those who will live in our hearts forever, until, with your forgiveness, we join them in the joy of your everlasting & heavenly kingdom.

Merciful Father, accept all these prayers in the power of your Holy Spirit, our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.