

March 14th 2021

Loving Lord, during this season of Lent, we pray for the strength to follow your example of sacrifice, and your willingness to stand up for what is right and just, rather than accept what is easy or expedient. When we wander or stumble, grant us the grace and the courage to accept the help of others, and in our turn to do what we can to reach out to any who are in need. Give us the will serve the most vulnerable in society, to stand up for what is right, and to risk something big for something good.

Loving God
Hear our prayer

On this Mothering Sunday we give you thanks and praise as we remember mothers everywhere who have loved and laughed; laboured and wept as they have cared for their children. And we thank you Lord, for the care you have shown for us, for your patience and perseverance when we stray, your tenderness as you comfort our distress, your strength as you carry us through danger, and your unconditional love as you open your arms to embrace all who come to you, as your children. We pray for the day when you may gather all your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings bringing the whole world peace, security and the joy of knowing you as Father, Mother and Saviour.

Loving God
Hear our prayer

We pray for the royal family at this difficult and distressing time, remembering particularly Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip who remains in hospital. Bring to them and their entire family comfort, strength, healing and understanding. Stretch your healing hand on all who are finding life difficult at the moment, those in our community and any others known to us ... Give to all who struggle courage and the knowledge that they are loved, and open our eyes to their needs and those of the wider world.

Loving God
Hear our prayer

Above all Lord grant us the grace to work to build your Kingdom on earth, that we may give to the world a little more truth, a little more justice and a little more beauty than would have been had we not loved it enough to quarrel with it, while seeking the day when justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Merciful Father
Accept these prayers in the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen