

Lord, we thank You for this fresh new day which now opens up before us. Bless the opportunities it will bring and help us to use them for Your glory.

We give thanks for all our church leaders. We especially give thanks for those in our own Diocese of St. Peter's and All Saints and for Fathers Andrew, George, Bob and Crispin, our Readers and all who support our church life.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father,

Be with all people in war torn countries.

Be with our Nation and help our Government to make helpful decisions.

Be with the school leavers looking out at an empty horizon.

Be with the sick for whom life is anxious and painful.

Be with the lonely who are desperate for someone to call their name.

Be with the homeless, who have found that an Englishman's castle is his cardboard box.

Be with the clergy here, bearing a hundred burdens that the rest of us do not see.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we give thanks for all who stand by our sides during our struggles. We pray for all who are suffering from mental anguish, help them to find peace and know that you are always by their side. We pray for those people in our own community living in Shepherds Mead and Long Meadow, and in a moment of silence we think of those close to us that need Your tender touch.....

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Enliven our imagination God of new life, so that we can see through today's troubles to a coming newness. Surround us with Your caring so that we can live as if the new has already begun.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.