

*"The Lord is our light and our salvation, whom shall we fear."*

We thank you O Lord that the words of today's Psalm can guide and support us as we journey through the challenges and opportunities of our lives.

Mighty God, you are a very present help in times of trouble, help us to put our trust in you. Guide your church, that it may lead others to your love and glory.

Lord in your Mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for all in positions of authority, that they do not misuse their powers or seek personal power and wealth. In these troubled and uncertain times, we pray that wisdom and quiet diplomacy may prevail. We remember the people of Gaza and Israel, of Ukraine and of Sudan.

Lord in your Mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Loving Father, we remember all who are refugees, all who have been driven out of their homes by violence or disaster. We pray for those who have had their homes repossessed and the long term homeless. We give thanks for all those who work with refugees and the homeless, bringing light and hope to those who have lost hope.

Lord in your Mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

We give thanks for all those who have guided and supported us, for parents and loved ones. We ask blessing upon our families and community, on all who work to support and encourage us. In our community we remember those who live in Kearsley Drive and Aldwick Crescent.

Lord in your Mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Lord you are our light and strength in times of darkness. We pray for those who are struggling at this time, who find life hard or the outlook bleak. We pray for those who are ill and in a moment of silence, we remember them.

Lord in your Mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for those who grieve. We remember those who have died recently. May the light of your love enfold them.

**Merciful Father, Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**