

We thank you Heavenly Father for the glory of your creation and for the times when we have worked in harmony with your will to enhance the beauty of the world. Forgive us when we have gone our own way and have claimed a power and a status that is not our own.

We open our lives afresh to you and ask you to throw down all we have devised which is not in accord with your purposes
Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

We see the signs of the times reflected in your warnings to us and we pray for the courage to remain faithful and to reach out in loving care to all those who suffer as a result war, earthquake and famine in these days and for all who offer support and resources of healing.
Lord in your mercy... **hear our prayer**

We pray for the church throughout the world and we pray personally for Archbishop Justin Welby at this time of struggle for him.
We pray for all those charged with appointing a successor.
We pray for all those specifically called to lead the Safeguarding of our church life. For wisdom and discernment in all they do and for our own imperative to help keep one another safe from harm
Lord in your mercy ... **hear our prayer**

We pray for this community and for one another. We pray for those living in Woodland Avenue and Oak Close.
We pray for the success of our Craft Fayre next week and all the plans set in place to extend the message of Christmas into our community
Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

Let us hold fast to the confession of our faith without wavering and help us to support those who are housebound and unwell at this time. We pray for those in hospital and nursing home and those who care for them
Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

We remember departed loved ones and give thanks for the memories of those who are dear to us. We pray for the work of the hospice movement especially locally at St Barnabas.

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