

Confession

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that sense of peace and welcome which God wills for his children to share.

‘I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink.’
Lord, have mercy.

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‘I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me.’
Christ, have mercy.

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‘I was sick and did not visit me, in prison, and you did not come to me.’
Lord, have mercy.

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May the almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Intercessions

We pray for the coming of God’s kingdom, saying:
Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

You came in Jesus to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to captives, and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name. We pray for our church in these strange times.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. We pray for all essential workers – especially those associated with the National Health Service, who have worked throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love.

We give thanks for our neighbours and friends – especially those who have sought to reach out to strangers in the past few weeks. We pray too for all those who have suffered in mind, body, or spirit during the pandemic.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and gladness instead of grief. We remember all those who have died recently.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Lord of the Church, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer.