

Prayers of Intercession

Loving God, we hold up to you those who suffer pain and ill-health in body, mind or spirit, with their families, friends and those who care for them

(Silence)

God beyond us, God with us, God in us,

May they know the loving hand of the Father, the deep peace of Christ, the unconquered light of the Spirit

Loving God, we hold up to you the suffering people of our world, and the places where people are experiencing disasters, injustice, violence and war

(Silence)

God beyond us, God with us, God in us,

May they know the loving hand of the Father, the deep peace of Christ, the unconquered light of the Spirit

Loving God, we hold up to you the struggling people of our country, going without food to feed their children, trapped in mouldy, rotting bedsits and flats, unable to do their schoolwork because they look after a sick parent

(Silence)

God beyond us, God with us, God in us,

May they know the loving hand of the Father, the deep peace of Christ, the unconquered light of the Spirit

Loving God, we hold up to you those who are homeless, forgotten, lost and hopeless, in street doorways, in cardboard boxes, in disease-ridden refugee camps, in the rubble of their bombed homes, and all who reach out to them in love

(Silence)

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May they know the loving hand of the Father, the deep peace of Christ, the unconquered light of the Spirit

Loving God, we hold up to you those facing bereavement, loneliness, and loss of one they hold dear

(Silence)

God beyond us, God with us, God in us,

May they know the loving hand of the Father, the deep peace of Christ, the unconquered light of the Spirit

And those for whom we have been asked to pray, or for whom we are called to pray, or are close to our hearts and our prayers

(Pause for more suggestions)

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May they know the loving hand of the Father, the deep peace of Christ, the unconquered light of the Spirit

Loving God, we give you thanks for health restored, for hope renewed and for prayers answered:

**Glory to the Father, from whom all love flows,
glory to Jesus, who showed his love through suffering,
and glory to the Holy Spirit, who brings light to the darkest places.
Amen.**