

PRAY



Gracious God,
You gave us Your Son to be our Saviour and we thank you for that sacrifice. We thank you for our families and pray for those in our families who do not have lives that are grounded in the Saviour. We pray that we may, by our example, lead them to faith.

We thank you for our church and pray that we are able to be a light in your community so that the gospel shines from Your church and encourages others to come, in faith, to You by Your grace.

We pray for our country where only 27% of adults know that Bethlehem was the birth place of our Lord. We pray that You would help us and other churches bring the gospel truth to our country to steer it away from sin.

We pray for our world – for the 15,000 Chinese that convert to Christianity each day and for the 1 million Christians in Iraq that have fled their country in fear.

We pray for Christians working in Parliament and Assemblies of the UK: grant them increasing unity and opportunities to meet for prayer.

We pray for the many people throughout the world who have so much less than ourselves. We take the provision of our food, drink, heat, light and power for granted, at times, and perhaps don't realise how hard others have to work to ensure that we have food on the table and warm comfortable homes.

Finally, Lord, we pray for those both within and outside our congregation, who are suffering because of illness, those with a heavy burden of worry, and those affected by bereavement, poverty and loneliness.

We pray for your comfort and strength and that we may, by our words and actions, also be a source of comfort to those in need.

Amen.

