## Prayers of intercession:

Let us pray to the God who loves us, who knows our needs and provides for us.

As the people of God, we pray for a deepening hunger for the things of God, and a loosening of our grip on all the wants and expectations which prevent us moving forward God's way.

As brothers and sisters with the whole of creation, we pray for respect and reverence among all people, regardless of difference; for responsible sharing of resources and consideration for nature and for all species which share this fragile and beautiful planet.

We pray that you will provide us with our daily bread and we pray for all those who hunger, physically or spiritually, that they may be fed and satisfied.

And now, Lord, we lift to you all those known to us who are in need of our special prayers today and long for your healing touch upon their lives or simply to sense you close to them, comforting, strengthening and upholding them.

For all those who have died and the ones who grieve for them and miss them, we give you thanks for the lives of those we have loved and we pray your comfort on those who mourn.

We offer you all these prayers in the name of your Son, our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen