

Prayers for the second Sunday of Lent.

## Loving in Lent and Loving Lent

*There is much to think about and bring to God in our prayers today.*

Let us spend some time in silent companionship with our Heavenly Father as we sit or kneel to pray.

Heavenly Father we give you grateful thanks for the faith of Abraham as he obeyed your call, listened for your voice and accepted your invitation to enter into a covenant relationship with you.

We pray that you will open our hearts to hear your word in our own generation giving thanks for the gift of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ who has made you known to us and who has walked this earth before us. Amen.

We pray for peace in the world. Lord God, creator of all, we pray for peace in the world. We pray that those who lead and have influence in the world will be open to your love, that they may in love serve the people of their countries; people of the world. We pray for all who work for peace, that they and their work may be blessed.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

We pray for people throughout the world, whose lives have been turned upside down by the Covid-19 pandemic. We pray for those who suffer illness. We pray for those who care for them, and we pray for those who are concerned for those they love and care for. We remember before you those who have died and pray that those who mourn will be comforted.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

We pray for our own country. We pray for those who are isolated; those who feel cut off from society, that your love may be known to them. Grant them peace and comfort in their time of pain and distress. We pray for all our young people and those who have the responsibility of care for them. Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

We bring before you Lord Jesus, those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. You know their needs. Bind them up in your saving grace. Make them whole. Grant them faith.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

Lord God as we remember that we are but dust and will return to dust, we give thanks for the wonderful gift of life by which we experience the splendour of your creation and the glory of human love. We bring before you in our prayers today, those who have died recently, giving thanks for their lives. We give thanks for those whom we love and see no more. Comfort us and all who mourn.

Lord in your mercy... hear our prayer.

As we recall our readings so we pray

*Lord, You know how difficult I find waiting,  
I want to know it all now.  
Remind me that waiting is never wasted,  
for every moment is a gift,  
and time but a fragment of eternity on my way home to you. Amen. (Margaret Cundiff)*

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