

Father God, you seek to lead us to all that is best for us in life. Please forgive us when we are wilful and turn away from you. Help us always to listen for your voice and be ready to follow, wherever you lead us. Help us to trust you when we are fearful and bring us safely into your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Living Lord, help all who are currently struggling; the anxious and fearful, the sick and their loved ones, the lonely and the overworked. May they recognise your presence and find in you help and strength.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

God of wisdom and truth, we pray for all who face difficult decisions and challenging circumstances. Guide with your wisdom those who have to make decisions on our behalf this week. Enable them to recognise the right way forward and to be resolute in following it.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we remember before you those for whom we are concerned; our families and friends, those who are ill, those caring for them, and all who grieve for loved ones. Hold them in your loving arms we pray.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are struggling with difficult relationships within their homes. We pray for children and young people unable to go out to play or socialise with friends, and for the parents who seek to care for them. We pray especially for those at risk from abusive relationships and all who are find the current situation threatening to their mental health.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

In a moment of quiet we bring our own thoughts and concerns to our heavenly father...

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

God of all hope. Do not let our fears blind us to the reality of your presence. Guide, lead and strengthen us, day by day in the week that lies ahead. Enable us to show your love to others, but also to see you in them. May your spirit work within us to help us live our lives with hope and perseverance.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**