Lord God

We praise you for your faithfulness and your gift of salvation which makes it possible for us to be secure in an ever changing world. Thank you for being the one who is in charge of the timing of events, the periods where we feel becalmed

and it looks as if there is no wind to take us forward. Yet, there is no situation which you cannot see or respond to. Help us to fulfil what you want us to do when we are in places we do not want to be, cause us to speak your truth so that it fills the spaces around us with meaning. Thank you that your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. You give us all that we need because your kingdom is equal, fair and just.

Lord, in your mercy ...........

And on this Mothering Sunday, we remember that you are both mother and father to us and when we are adopted into your family, you love us unconditionally. We pray for those for whom remembrance is painful or where there has been disappointment or loss; for the many orphans and displaced people groups around the world; for children in care; for young people estranged from their parents, that they would reach out to the God who is there for them

Lord, in your mercy ...........

At this time of anxiety about the future which can sometimes be so powerful that it imprisons us, we remember that Jesus frequently said “Don’t be afraid”. We pray for our nation, our government, our local councillors, our teachers,

our neighbours, our health and community workers at this time of great uncertainty, that they would act with integrity and good governance. We pray for your protection over people ‘on the front line’ who have to make difficult decisions and need clarity of mind.

Lord in your mercy ..........

We thank you for all the creativity that springs from people who are faced with dislocation in everyday living. The kindness of one person to another and the things that help us to live lives larger than our immediate circumstances. We pray in our hearts for people we know who need to feel your touch; the sick and the broken; the proud and the poor in spirit; those who are facing big lifestyle changes beyond their control. Be present in your people Lord as they bear witness to the fact that you will never leave us or forsake us. Teach us to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you.

Lord, in your mercy ........

We pray for the lonely and the isolated especially at this time when many groups have been shut down and their sense of belonging has been eroded. Help us with new forms of church to connect with people and encourage faith which can move mountains. Watch over us Lord as we reach out in your Name bringing light and life to a hurting world.

“For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you: ‘Do not fear; I will help you’.” Isaiah 41:13

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. (Chris Howes)