

Giver-of-life, hear our prayers;

We offer you our awkward, hesitant prayers of thanksgiving. Generous God, you have given us more than we could ever need. You have given us Christ the Lord.

Your gifts make our lives a wonder.

We pray we can be as generous in return, not just this time of year, but always.

We praise you, not because it's something we do, but because we can't do anything else.

We kneel before you, not in subservience, but in joy.

Hear our prayers for other people, places and situations.

We pray for those who do not have what we have; who live in poverty, who live with violence and danger. We remember that even though our Christmas celebrations were different this year; there will always be Christmas. But there are some who didn't have a Christmas at all, who aren't even sure what it all means; open their hearts,

We pray for children everywhere.

We pray with a glimmer of the vision that your will be done, that there will be restoration, peace and truth.

Take away our fear, God. Surprise us with your grace.

Hear our prayers for those living with illness, with Alzheimer's, cancer, Parkinson's, heart attack and stroke injury, diabetes. These illnesses are still ongoing even though we're focused on Covid.

We are thankful that the vaccine is here, and pray it will soon relieve the illness, anxiety and separation we've been living with the past ten months. We continue to pray for the health care workers.

Hear our prayers for those who endure the pain of loss; the loss of any kind.

We pray for all who mourn.....My own family as we mourn the loss of my husband, Scott, in November. Grant all comfort and strength. Hear our prayers for those suffering from addictions and obsessions. Hear our prayers for those who offer care and support to all of these.

We pray for all who are on our Prayer List, we ask that you hold them all in your love."

Today we pray for

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Hear all the prayers of our hearts.

May your light burn brightly in ordinary lives bringing life and love to this world; your beloved creation.

These prayers are offered in the name of your son, Jesus Christ;

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; 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.