

**Celebrant: Dear friends, Jesus spent his life among us in the service of all.
In that spirit let us pray for the needs of the whole human family.**

- 1** For faith leaders and heads of state: that they will be freed of ambition and devote themselves in selfless service to the good of the community.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
Lord hear our prayer.
- 2** For the poor of the world: that today's International Day for the Eradication of Poverty will spark renewed efforts to share the world's resources justly with them.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 3** For public health workers engaging with culturally diverse communities: that they will help them respond effectively to the COVID challenge.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 4** For people struggling with mental health issues: that they will find the personal companionship and professional help they need.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 5** For the parents of new-born children, that they will delight in the gift they have been given and cherish their child with love.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 6** For the sick among us and for all who have asked for our prayers.
For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they now share in the heavenly banquet prepared for us all.
[pause] **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

**God of all goodness,
your Son emptied himself of glory to be servant of all.
Keep us true to his name.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**