

Celebrant: Dear friends, the call of Jesus is to whole-hearted and all-embracing love. In answer to his call, let us offer loving prayer for all that God has made.

- 1** For Pope Francis and the bishops of our Church: may their lives and teachings give witness to a God who is compassionate and just to all people.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
Lord hear our prayer.
- 2** For the people of Afghanistan, Lebanon, Syria, and all places of great suffering: that the world community will come to their aid.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 3** For our political, civil and business leaders: may they act with wisdom and integrity, using their positions not for personal or partisan advantage but for the benefit of all.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 4** For those who feel lonely and abandoned: may they feel the Lord's healing touch through the genuine concern of those around them.
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 5** For our community of faith as we re-open our churches and to gather in person once more: may we be bound together by a unity of purpose and generosity of spirit as together we negotiate the practical challenges of the coming months.
[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 creation,
you made everything in boundless love.
Free our hearts to love as Jesus loved.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**