

Loving God, we before you the needs of your world in all its beauty and brokenness. We pray for all the places in need of your heavenly presence. We pray for all those in Los Angeles whose lives, homes and communities have been destroyed in the wild fires still raging there. We pray for all first responders.

We pray for the people of Gaza and the middle east, Sudan, Ukraine and all the places in the world where there is war and conflict. We pray for all leaders that you will give them wisdom and a desire for peace and concord so we can learn to live as one family on this precious and fragile planet.

Lord in your Mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for your church throughout the world and especially for the Church of England at this time of shame and uncertainty. Help us to discern and trust your will for the way forward. We pray for our diocese, Guli & Roger our Bishops – for the Saffron Walden Team, Jeremy our Rector, with us today, for Bren and our brothers and sisters in the Baptist church and for our church wardens, Barbara & Mat, the home team and all who work hard to enable us to continue to worship together here.

Lord in your Mercy, hear our prayer.

We bring before you all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; Robin Plumridge still in Addenbrookes, Judy & Rob. All those in hospitals, care homes or ill at home and all those who care for them including, doctors, nurses and ambulance drivers. For the homeless in this cold weather and all who work to relieve their suffering.

We pray for those who have died, especially, Gemma Rhodes, Stella Gooderham, Annette Bel and all who grieve their loss. In a moment of silence, we remember those in our hearts today.

Lord in your Mercy, hear our prayer.

And finally, we ask you help each one of us to draw closer to you, trusting in your unconditional love.

**Merciful Father, Accept these prayers for the sake of your son Jesus Christ.
Amen**