In God’s power, in his peace, in his presence, we place ourselves today. Holy God, Holy and Strong One, Holy and Mighty One, protect us by your power, provide us with your peace, fill our lives with your presence, and awaken us to your coming; through Jesus Christ the King of Glory, Amen

Breathe your spirit of life, of creativity and of inspiration through your church in town, village and city in every place throughout the world; places where Christian folk are many and places where they are few, places where they are prosperous and places where they are poor, where the history of faith is new and where faith in the community goes back centuries. May the church be open to you, to receive your guidance and your challenge in the changing circumstances we all face. We pray today in the local cycle of prayer especially for All Saints, Ashdon. We give thanks and pray for the continuing commitment of worshipping community and for all who support the work of the church in this place. Help us to see how it may best be a source of your blessing within the village and local area.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Stay on hand amongst the leaders of our nation, whether in government, commerce, public services, industry, or elsewhere. Support them with difficult decisions and in uncertainty; help them to see what is right; urge them to decide justly and with compassion.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

Give discernment and strength to aid agencies working with refugees and suffering people in so many parts of the world. We call out to you about the endless pain of those who have lost home, identity, income, health, family, and much more; and for those oppressed by reason of race, creed, gender, or other difference. Give strength to those of good will who work towards solutions, and guide us play our part.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

Now we turn to you loving Father, to call to mind those we know personally who may be in any kind of need. *Quiet.* Give healing to those who are unwell, courage to those facing challenges and difficulties. We remember especially and give thanks for the lives of Susan Morrison, Julie Lester’s mother, and for Tim Hardingham whose funeral is next week. Comfort those coping with loss and give them peace. We pray for the wellbeing of all in our communities, especially for those who have no one to pray for them. Sustain all who care for and support those who are going through difficult times. Remind us of your presence with us often. Guide and inspire us so that our daily lives may be a blessing to those around us. Help us to be ever alert and ready to act with a healing word and a helping hand.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer

Merciful Father: Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen