## Prayers of the people March 1st 2020

To the words Lord in your mercy we reply hear our prayer

We pray for the message of your church here on earth. May it guide us in the way of truth and may we hold the faith with understanding and love

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for those areas of the world where there is darkness, suffering, danger, persecution or terrorism Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

When life's journey leads us into the wilderness, let us remember your strength of character as you resisted temptation. Be with us as we try to follow your example and help us to recognise when we must take a different path on our journey with you

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Oh God, you know our hearts and share our delights and sorrows. We pray for those who are facing difficulties or are dealing with illness in themselves or others. We name them now silently or aloud Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Silently or aloud we name those who mourn. Surround us with your infinite compassion and forbearance.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Give us the strength to take the risk to stretch beyond our limits and continue our restless searching for your wisdom. Let us realise what we are really hungry for with deep gladness

Amen