

INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING (*adapted from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer, p. 413*)

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: Father, enliven the Church for its mission.
that we may be the salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us the power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.
that all act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need: God of hope, comfort and restore of all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn: We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.
Father, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.
Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
May their example inspire and encourage us.

Lord, you have called us to serve you.
***Grant that we may walk in your presence:
your love in our hearts,
your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills;
until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming
and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***