

## **Prayers of intercession**

Lord Jesus,  
we pray in your name and in the name of peace  
for the worn torn countries of the world,  
for countries where violence is rife,  
for communities where tensions run high.

### **Lord, hear our prayer**

We pray in your name and in the name of sorrow  
for the people of Reading,  
as we remember James Furlong, Joe Ritchie-Bennett and David Wails,  
for those who tried to save them,  
for those who grieve for them.

### **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray in your name and in the name of justice  
for the marginalised people of the world,  
for those who are discriminated against,  
for those who are trafficked.

### **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray in your name and in the name of compassion  
for the animals of the world,  
for those that are hunted,  
those that are exploited,  
those that are endangered.

### **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray in your name and in the name of gratitude  
for those who stand up for the oppressed,  
for those who kneel down for the victimised,  
for those who speak out for the silenced.

### **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray in your name and in the name of love  
for children and young people.  
for those who are vulnerable,  
for those with special needs,  
for those who are carers for their parents and siblings.

### **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray in your name and in the name of hope  
for economic challenges to be overcome,  
for opportunities to be embraced,  
for changes to be long lasting.

**Lord hear our prayer**

Lord Jesus, we pray in your name and in the name of faith  
for your church throughout the world,  
for those entrusted with leadership,  
for congregations reaching out to their communities,  
for one another to live as we pray.

**Lord hear our prayer**

Lord Jesus, we pray in your name and in the name of thankfulness  
for businesses and venues preparing to open again,  
for families preparing to meet up again,  
for friends preparing to socialise again;  
and we pray for all in government as they continue to monitor and measure  
the levels of infections around the UK.

**Lord hear our prayer,  
for you are our strength and our inspiration  
and in you we trust.  
Amen.**