

The Lord is here.

He is with us.

Near or far.

He is with us.

The Lord is here

We are His people.

The Lord is here.

He gives us strength for the journey.

The Lord our God is here.

And we welcome Him now.

**Lord, You have given us so much love,
but we have not always accepted it.
You have shown us how to love,
but we have not always learned it.
You have told us whom to love,
but we have not always done it.
You have told us the cost of love,
but we have not always been willing to pay it.**

**We are sorry for not understanding your love.
We are sorry for not sharing your love.
We are grateful for the love you offer, even now.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
Forgive us and free us from our sins,
Heal and strengthen us by His Spirit,
And raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

**That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

**Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.**

God will bless us,

and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Servant God:

Let us honour you with our lives.

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son,

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

**Loving God, bring us all to life
by the power of your love.
Transform our brokenness into blessing.**

**As we go on our way,
May our minds be full of your voice,
our hearts full of your love,
and our thoughts full of your praise.**

**And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with us all evermore. Amen.**