

At the beginning of our liturgy we light a candle. We let light into darkness and focus on the people and situations we are about to pray for.

Let us take a moment of silence to prepare to meet with God:

*Everything that happens on earth happens at a time God chooses.
God sets the time for birth and the time for death,
The time for sorrow and the time for joy,
The time for tearing and the time for mending,
The time for killing and the time for healing,
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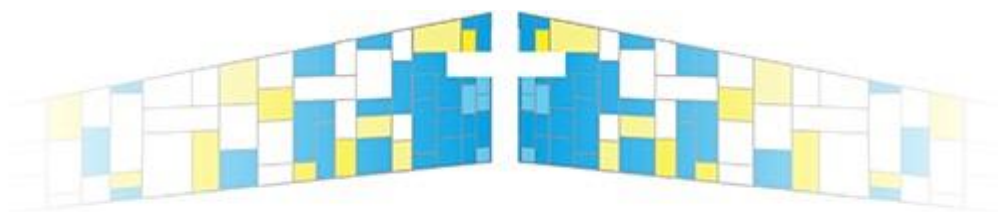
*O Christ our Lord,
As in times past not all the sick and suffering found their own way to your side
But had to have their hands taken, or their bodies carried, or their names mentioned.
So we, confident of your goodness, bring others to you.
As in times past, you looked at the faith of friends and let peace and healing be
known,
Then in us, through us, and if need be despite us, Look on our faith, even our little
faith,
And let your kingdom come.*

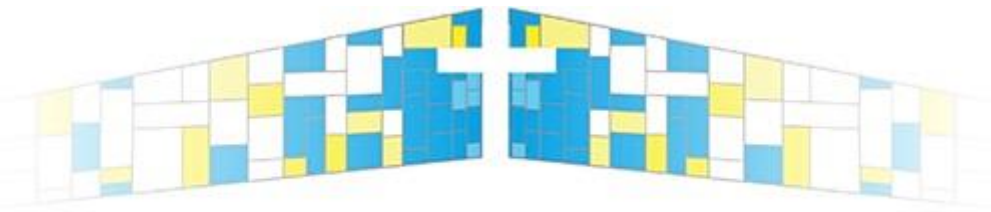
*We name before you those for whom pain is the greatest problem,
Who are remembered more for their distress than their potential.
Who at night cry "I wish to God it were morning"
And in the morning "I wish to God it were night."*

Lord Jesus Christ, Lover of all, bring healing, bring peace

*We name before you
Those whose problem is not physical;
Those who are haunted by the nightmares of their past,
Or the spectres of their future,
Those whose minds are shackled to neuroses, depression and fear,
Who do not know what is wrong and do not know what to pray.*

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We bring before you those in whose experience light has turned to darkness, As the end of a life or the breaking of a relationship leaves them stunned in their souls, and silent in their conversation, not knowing where to turn or who to turn to Or if life has a purpose anymore.

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We bring before you those nearing the end of their lives who are in hospital or long-term care, their families and those who care for them

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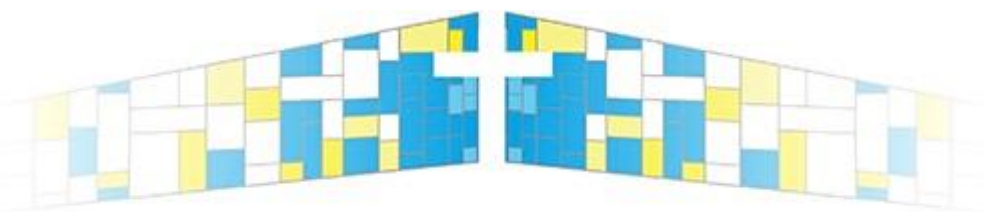
We bring before you places where there is conflict. Where war rages and people are persecuted for their faith, gender or sexuality, or if their views differ from the people in power. We also bring before you those caught up in natural disasters.

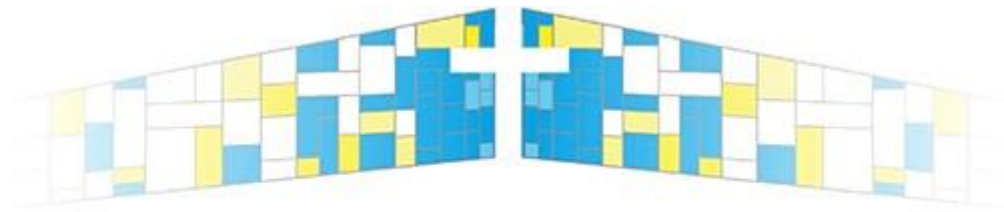
Syria and all who work for justice and peace there, Afghanistan, Israel & Palestine & The Occupied Territories, Egypt, Central African Republic, South Sudan, all refugees living in fear of deportation, people fleeing war all over the world, the people of Yemen, the Christian church in Pakistan and Sumba, the people fleeing Myanmar, the people of Iran & Iraq, all affected by gun violence, the people of Sri Lanka, the people of India, students in Further Education and those infected and affected or anxious about Corona Virus, people whose lives are blighted by racism, the Uighur people in China, the people of Beirut,

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We rejoice and smile with all who are looking forward to a celebration, a happy event or who have recovered from illness, let the warmth of their happiness spread out to encompass all those they love and who love them.

We give thanks for the work of Mulanje Mission Hospital, Doctor Graham's Homes and for our sponsored child Chloe and her brother, Military Chaplains, The Trussell Trust and our local Foodbank Volunteers, the staff and volunteers of Boghall Drop In Centre, all frontline medical staff and those who keep our food and medical supplies running, the politicians and decision makers who are doing all they can to keep us safe, unpaid carers and young carers, people who are carers for their partner or parent, all who work to strengthen people's spirit and faith, we pray for all staff and children in schools





And others whose troubles we do not know, or whose names we would not share aloud, we mention now in the silence which you understand.

Watch now, dear Lord, With those who watch or weep tonight, And give your angels charge over those who sleep.

*Tend your sick ones; rest your weary ones, Bless your dying ones, Soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, Shield your joyous ones
And all for your love's sake.*

*And now,
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of The Holy Spirit
Be with us all
Evermore
AMEN.*

At the end of our service we extinguish our candle knowing its light continues to illuminate and warm the places and people we have prayed for.

