We begin our prayers

Friends in Christ,  
God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers  
as dear to us as our own needs.  
Loving our neighbour's as ourselves,  
we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions  
on behalf of the church and the world.

* We pray for the church, and its ministries and missions. We pray that the Lord will protect us as we prepare for a return to services within Church of the Ascension. We pray for Ruthanne and Phil as they lead us into the “new normal” in our worship.

**Lord in you Mercy. Hear our prayer.**

* We pray for all of those in authority that they will continue in their efforts to keep us safe as children, teens, and young adults return to school and adults return to work.

**Lord in your Mercy. Hear our prayer.**

* We pray for the world that those countries where the Covid-19 virus case rate and death is still rising, that they will have access to the protective equipment and health professionals to treat and reduce the death rates of afflicted people. We also pray that they will be able to institute the necessary health precautions to start to control the further spread.

**Lord in you Mercy. Hear our prayer.**

* We pray for our local community that we will work together to keep our community safe and prosperous as we begin to move forward this fall. We pray that we will not see a resurgence of the virus and all will remain healthy. We pray for children, teens and teachers, that it will be a safe and happy return to school.

**Lord in your Mercy. Hear our prayer.**

* We pray for those in need. We pray for those who are sick either mentally, physically, or spiritually. We pray for those who are isolated, marginalized and anxious about the future.

**Lord in your Mercy. Hear our prayer.**

* We pray for those in our parish, including John, Lorraine, Tom, Sabrina and any others you wish to name at this time…. Be a source of strength and healing to them.

Hear our prayers, God of power,  
and through the ministry of your Son  
free us from the grip of the tomb,  
that we may desire you as the fullness of life  
and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world. Amen.