

Celebrant:

1. Let us give thanks for our homes and families that give us comfort and warmth in this cold weather. We remember and pray for all those who find themselves friendless and homeless at this time. May we as a society support and help them in any way we can through practical, emotional and spiritual giving.

Lord, in your mercy...

2. We pray for all those who work within the NHS and care system at this time of heightened illness and stress. We give thanks for the dedication of all doctors, nurses, paramedics, ambulance drivers, health visitors and care workers, and ask for tolerance and consideration on all sides.

Lord, in your mercy...

3. We pray for all carers who are looking after relatives who are elderly or sick in their own homes. May they all receive the help and support they need.

Lord, in your mercy...

4. We remember all those who have been affected by the flooding in many parts of the country and who have been driven from their homes as a result. We give thanks for the community support they have received, and pray for a swift return to their homes.

Lord, in your mercy...

In a few moments of silence, let us add our own prayers, needs and petitions.

Let us ask Mary, our mother, to pray with us as we say: **“Hail. Mary...”**

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