

Mar. 11 Intercession LENT 4 Mothering Sunday

*God provides comfort in all our troubles and sufferings.*

As we gather together in the presence of our parent God, let us pray.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin, is:

We are all your children: **help us grow in love.**

Loving Father, we pray for all who are persecuted for their faith, and for whom following you brings danger. We pray for those who are new to faith and those who no longer walk with you. We thank you for the example of those whose faith shines out in their lives. (pause) We are all your children: **help us grow in love.**

Loving Father, we pray for those who are forced to leave their homes, their families or their countries. We pray for those who, through war and famine, must watch their children die. We pray for your peace and comfort. (pause) We are all your children: **help us grow in love.**

Loving Father, we pray for all the mothering that goes on in this community and for those who crave tenderness and are weary of the struggle to be strong. (pause) We are all your children: **help us grow in love.**

Loving Father, we pray for all new parents and their babies, and all giving birth today. We pray for all who are vulnerable, that they may be protected from harm. (pause) We are all your children: **help us grow in love.**

Loving Father, there are those here whose mothers have died, and are still remembered with great affection. We pray for those mothers and grandmothers now, rejoicing in all they gave, and commending them to your protection for ever. (pause) We are all your children: **help us grow in love.**

Loving Father, we give you thanks for the comfort you provide in all our troubles, and for the richness of all our relationships.

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**