

God is close through all our troubles, and can bring us safely through them.

Let us pray to the faithful God who knows us already, and loves us so much.

The congregational response, as printed in today's bulletin is:

Whatever our journey, O Lord: **walk with us on the way.**

We pray that any barriers within the Church, built up by fear or prejudice, misunderstanding or hurt, may be broken down in Christ and unity restored.

(pause) Whatever our journey, O Lord: **walk with us on the way.**

We pray for our world to be governed wisely and well, with proper consideration for the vulnerable and weak, with co-operation, honesty and respect for all.

(pause) Whatever our journey, O Lord: **walk with us on the way.**

We pray for the healing of hurts and tensions in our families; and for our friends, thanking you for the blessings they give; as friends of Christ, may we be generous in our friendships. (pause)

Whatever our journey, O Lord: **walk with us on the way.**

We pray for those disturbed by mental illness, and for all who are rejected and despised. We pray for all in desolate situations at the moment, and ask for your comfort and healing. (pause)

Whatever our journey, O Lord: **walk with us on the way.**

We remember those whose earthly life has ended, and for those grieving for loved ones. Enfold them in your love and let them become aware of you beside them.

(pause) Whatever our journey, O Lord: **walk with us on the way.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the loving way you provide for us, even during the darkest times.

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