**5th Sunday in Lent Year A**

Loving God, at the beginning of time you breathed life into your creatures, hear our prayers.

Loving God, we pray for world leaders and for all who have responsibility of government in this land, our Prime Minister, Finance and Health Ministers and the National Cabinet as they continue to work together to make decisions for the health and benefit of everyone. Help us all we take seriously the warnings issues.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for your church throughout the world especially for the Anglican Communion and in our own Diocese for our Archbishop and Bishops and Priests and for our Vicar Dianne and Curate Greg as they all discern the way forward for church in a new way during this time of separation. May we continue as a faith community, to be united in prayer and meditate on your word with the whole company of heaven

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for the communities in which we live. We bring to you those who live alone, those with whom we share loving relationships, those who struggle with difficult relationships. Be with those who feel lonely and isolated. May we individually and communally be like Ezekiel who called forth breath and to seek new life that God is offering us and ask for a fresh outpouring of breath into our lives. Breathe on us your spirit of hope especially during these changing times.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit and those who minister to them, for the sorrowing, the despairing, the sick and dying. We pray for doctors, nurses, for health workers and for all agencies that work together to relieve the suffering of others. Teach us to show your love through prayer and communication by phone, text messages and internet during this time of separation.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful people of every age, for the lives of those who have shone love in our lives and encouraged us in our faith journey. May we with them be drawn into your presence, enfolded for ever in your eternal love.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith**

**We may by your grace receive,**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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