

Sunday 31st October 2021

Love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul with all your mind and with all your strength. (ACTIONS)

God of all, may we step beyond fear into the freedom of love;
may we see beyond creeds into the expanse of your realm;
may we move beyond the gates into the vast land of grace.
God of all, hear us.

Come now all God's People
to love with heart and soul, mind and strength,
to love neighbour as self
and set God loose in the world.

May love make a space around you that is exactly your shape.

And may God hand-shape it for you.

And the grace...

With our heart, our soul, our mind, and strength.

Creator God may we love your world. You alone have given life with variety and abundance, potential and desire. Yet often we want to stifle that creativity, keep everything in safe little boxes, ignore the injustice and cruelty and inequity, preferring that every heart beats just like our own. Forgive us when we have refused to listen to a different heartbeat.

Creator God, may we love your world with all our souls with our whole being. When we have tried to be separate from the needs around us, refused to embrace the community into which we have been called to serve, set ourselves apart – forgive us.

Creator God, may we love your world with all our minds. May our thoughts move towards peace, our reasoning towards justice and our wisdom towards grace. And may our minds be the beginning of a change in our actions. Forgive us when we use our minds and intellect to put others down or keep them in their place.

Creator God, may we love your world by loving each stranger who needs to be found, each seeker needing a home, each neighbour that needs neighbourhood. Forgive us when we forget neighbour and love just ourselves.

Hear us as we pray with all our heart, soul, mind and strength uniting together to say Our Father