In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Lord, we pray for your church throughout the world, especially for those who live in great danger and suffer death because they confess your name. We pray for people of all religions who live in fear for their faith and we seek in our own lives to be respectful towards those who worship in ways which are different from our own. We pray for our own leaders, for Ros, Mike, Kerry and Tina Help us all to do what we can to support them as they lead our worship here at St. Stephens. We give thanks for all who give of their time and talents in loving service to this parish: that we may continue to build up the Kingdom of God in all that we do.
Lord in your mercy...

Lord, we pray for the world,.especially for countries where there is war, random violence or only a fragile peace We pray for those who face an uncertain future.We pray for peace in our world: for all national leaders that they may have wisdom to know and courage to do what is right; for all men and women that their hearts may be turned to you in the search for righteousness and truth; for those who are working to improve international relationships, that they may find the true way of reconciliation; . Lord in your mercy...

Lord, we pray for. the people in our local community.For the young and the elderly, for families, and for all who are alone. We thank you for the town in which we live, with all the facilities it offers. We thank you for the many people, who by their jobs or voluntary work help to make our town a good place to live. Help us to strive to build a better community where people feel safe ,Fill our hearts with love, compassion, and understanding towards one another. May our community be a place of acceptance, support, and encouragement, where we can grow and thrive together. Lord in your mercy...

Lord, we pray for those who are ill, in hospitals, at home, or wherever they may be, especially those whose illness is long term and demands much patience to bear. May the skills and knowledge of those who care for the sick be fully used to help and to heal. We pray especially for those who have no one to help them, that in their loneliness they may know that you are with them. We pray for those we know who are ill at this time (list) .Give them courage, hope and peace, and the knowledge that you are present in their weakness, pain and suffering.Lord in your mercy...

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone,We pray for those who feel the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one. Help us to support all those who mourn both with our prayers, with words of comfort and with practical help both this day and in the days and weeks to come.We pray for the souls of (list).And for those whose years mind fall this week (list). According to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Lord in your mercy...

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary St. Stephen and all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father...