

## **Prayer for People Everywhere**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, the suffering and problems of the world press in on us like a burden too great to bear; knowing your love and blessing through Jesus the Christ, only raised our concern for those who do not know such a blessing. Our prayer is for people to know the real, practical touch of your love – healing, comfort, inspiration and assurance – in the face of the natural disasters, war, distress or illness.

We pray for those who cannot see Jesus because of all the wrongs in the world. May we proclaim the Incarnation and your presence in all the world, to open people to your love.

We pray for those who need to see Jesus but who do not know how. May you open the way through Your Spirit, through us or through others.

We pray for those whose idea of God is too small to cope with the enormity of the problems that they see. May they know the power of your assurance and presence.

We pray for all those whose idea of God too big to care about their problem or concern. May they know the power and reality of your presence and assurance.

We pray because you have placed your love and Spirit within us and because we care. We pray for those who are closest to us and most on our minds and in the silence, hear our prayers.....

We pray because you taught the disciples that it is part of our life and our duty. You gave them, and you give us, the words as a pattern for prayer.