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M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you love your whole creation and forget none of your creatures. We bring you our supplications for all your children, for all those we love and all those committed to your care:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who have blessed us with kindness, led us with patience, and restored and refreshed us by their sympathy and help:

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M: For all who have wished or done us ill, that you would turn their hearts to penitence and ours to blessing:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all prisoners and captives and all who suffer from oppression, that you would lead them to know the perfect freedom of your Son's forgiveness, relieve their suffering, and move us to imitate you by assisting them with works of mercy and compassion, Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: For all who bear the cross of suffering, who are sick in body or in mind:

C: Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.

M: For all who are troubled by the suffering or sin of those they love, Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: For all who have experienced worldly loss, that in the midst of darkness and confusion they may find their peace in you:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrows of their brothers and sisters and to know and appreciate the fellowship of those who bear Christ's cross:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who are suffering because of their faithfulness to conviction and duty, that in sacrifice they might find strength and joy; and that you, who see in secret, may uphold them by your grace, so they may at last come to an open reward, Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: For all who are undergoing temptations of the flesh or who imagine evil in their hearts, that you would enable them to overcome and obtain the victory through Christ:

C: Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.

M: For all who are lonely and sad in the midst of the joys of others, that they may know you as their Father, Friend, and Comforter, Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: For the infirm, the aged, and all who are approaching death, that they may find their strength in you and obtain a blessed end, Lord, in your mercy,

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Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: For all for whom we have forgotten to pray but who are dear to you:

C: Assist them according to their needs, and bring them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

M: O God our Father, hear our intercessions, answer them according to your will, and make us the channels of your infinite pity and helpfulness. Join our prayers with those of all your faithful people as we pray as our master has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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C: Amen.

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