Lord Jesus, you were tried and tempted by the forces of evil.

May we never be ashamed of temptation, but save us from the weakness of giving way to it. Help us choose the way of faithfulness rather than popularity, service rather than fame, sacrifice rather than power.

In time of need reassure us that your support is close at hand.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for the whole family of your church. May all your people be built up in faith and show in their lives the love we see in Jesus. Help us to play our part in the life of the church throughout the world by our prayers for all Christian people and by our gifts of money and service. Give courage to those who find it hard to follow you. Give us vision that leads to action and strengthen us to serve you in the places where we live. We pray this morning for Ava, for her parents, family and friends that you may be ever present in their lives. We thank you for the 60 wonderful years of marriage celebrated by Shirley and Jim on Thursday. May we cherish their years of love and commitment. Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for our church here in Leigh. In gratitude we pray for our leadership team, those who work with children and young people, for those who seek maturity in their understanding of God, those who manage and care for this building and garden as a gift to our community. May this church be visionary and relevant in all that is good and serve your purposes.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for all in positions of authority and leadership in every nation that they do not misuse their powers but nourish and care for your created world and all peoples. We pray that they will be given the insight and integrity to govern wisely according to your will, being fully aware of the true needs of the people.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you to protect our loved ones and friends and neighbours. We pray for those who are ill and in pain, longing to live full lives. Particularly this morning we pray for Keith, Bruce and Mary, Joe, Kay and Sylvia, and for those who are sad and hurt in any way.

May our support be gentle to those in trouble and need, and strong to those in weakness. Take our thoughts and prayers and use them to further your work of healing.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for those saddened by the death of someone close to them. Give them your comfort as they cherish their loved ones.

You turn our darkness into light and in your light shall we see light.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Lord help us to see this time of Lent as an opportunity to develop our discipleship and discipline.

Hear our prayers and help us to be aware of what we are asking that our prayers may change us also.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.