

**Loving God,  
You sustain us with mercy and grace  
And call us to share the compassion we receive.  
Help us to love as you want us to love:  
Not to ask 'Who is my neighbour?'  
But to see our neighbour in everyone we encounter  
And to offer help and hospitality when people are hurting.  
In a world that can be rushed, give us patience and time to care.  
In a world that can be harsh, help us to be kind.  
In a world that can be fearful, make us bearers of hope.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord,  
Who came from heaven to earth,  
Lived among us as a wanderer,  
And spoke of your love to all**

