



INTERCESSIONS

(The suggested response for these intercessions is the chant “O Lord, hear my prayer”, from Taizé.)

Lord, we pray that we may be a community where all are welcome. Welcome to pray, to worship, to explore. May these communities provide comfort to the lonely, hope for the broken and rest to the weary. Help us to create spaces where people can come together with love and respect for difference.

Be present in those spaces, to heal divisions and to forge friendships.

Lord, hear us

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer

When I call, answer me

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer

Come and listen to me

We pray that our campuses may be places where all are welcome, Welcome to learn, to study, to work. Help us to support the excluded and to stand alongside those who need us. We pray particularly for students and staff who come to us as refugees. May we greet them with the love they deserve, and provide the safety they seek. May our campuses be places of tolerance, inclusion and diversity.

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We pray that governments may see the value of difference and enact policies that welcome and do not turn away. Where injustice reigns, may hearts be changed and may walls that have been built be torn down. Make us instruments of change and give us the courage not to stand on the sidelines but to fight injustice in our communities and be witnesses to the Gospel message of inclusion. Mould us into prophetic voices for change, that we may in turn mould our communities into your kingdom.

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