Heavenly Father,

We lift up our praise to You this morning, acknowledging that You are our all-knowing, all-seeing, all powerful God and we thank You that You have control over everything.

We thank You for the wonderful creation of our world, set, as it is, amongst billions of other star systems and a myriad of galaxies. Help us to be better stewards of our beautiful planet.

Lord, we thank You that You are a forgiving God. You sent Your son, Jesus, as a sacrifice so that we might be forgiven for all the mistakes that we make in life. Please take a quiet moment to say sorry to God this morning.

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Father God, help us to be a forgiving people, enabling us to find it in our hearts the ability to forgive anyone who has hurt us both now and in the past. We know that this is not always easy, but we know it pleases You when we follow Your Word. Take a minute to think about this and silently ask God to point out anyone who you need to forgive.

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Lord, we ask You to help us be more patient with one another, as a church. Help us recognise other people’s feelings and help us treat others sensitively and with kindness. Equally, help us value the differences that there are amongst us and respect each other’s opinions and ideas. Help us acknowledge that Your Way is what we should be seeking and not our way.

Please now take a moment to lift up to God anyone who you know is struggling, whether through illness, financial worries or relationship difficulties.

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We also lift up to You a prayer for our struggling world. We think particularly of India’s situation and the on-going troubles in Myanmar. We pray for Your protection and help for those countries and ask that You will watch over those working for *Brighter Future* out in India and *Stand By Me* in Myanmar.

Lord, we thank You that You hear our prayers.

Finally, we thank You for the way You provide for our daily needs and humbly ask that You help us through the coming week.

In Jesus’ Name,

Amen