

Commitment to Serve

Loving God, you have given us life,
filled us with hope,
enabled us to stand
& guided us your way.
Therefore we commit ourselves to serve you all our days
with an open heart, an open mind & an open house.

God, today we pray for your world.
We remember with sadness the divisions & the bitterness in the world,
the fear, the anger, hate & distrust;
and we ask you to help us and others to bring about
a beginning of love and hope.

We pray for the country we live in, and for the countries we come from.

We pray for the leaders of the nations.
We pray for the governments around the world, -
particularly for those who are seeking for justice and peace.

God, we pray for the community in which we live.

We pray for our neighbours,
and we remember all those who are sad, lonely and afraid.

We pray for all who are angry & disappointed, frustrated, stressed up and bitter.

We pray for all who are facing losses, who mourn, and whose lives are filled with
sadness.
We pray for all in any special need.

And we remember all those who are facing times of uncertainty, rejection and fear.
We ask for love, care & compassion between people,
we ask for hope and joy to fill their lives.

God, we also pray for ourselves –
for each and everyone in our church family.
We bring in silence before you all the people we love and care about...

May your love, God,
guard our hearts,
rule our minds,
and guide our footsteps.
Amen.