

# A prayer for the people

God of truth and trust,  
in you we find a safe place, to name our wounds,  
in you we find a gentle place, where we can hope for healing,  
in you we find a place of strength, when our courage runs thin,  
in you we find an honest place, to tell of what was and what is.

So we pray that our Church would be a place of truth and trust,  
of safety to remember,  
of gentleness to tend,  
of courage to confront,  
and of honesty to respect what is spoken.

Where there has been pain, may its naming bring relief,  
where there has been guilt, may we not fear the light,  
where the past has been rotten, may we have the courage to say so,  
and if the future can be different, may we find wisdom to shape it.

For the sake of Jesus Christ,  
who suffered among us,  
who shares our sorrows,  
who seeks the truth with us and in us and for us,  
and who stirs us to change.

**Amen.**