Dear Lord, you promised to hear us when we pray in faith through your Son Our Saviour Jesus. Thank you for the stars. We have seen amazing pictures from the new telescope in space. Demonstrations of Your glorious creation. Clouds of dust where stars are born, staggering distances per picture, dots of light transformed by wonderful technology. The Magi were men. Though they probably had skilled, inspirational, supportive wives that don’t get mentioned.

We pray for Your church here, our church, as we seek to be **not** the most human, that way has horrors in the path, but the **best** human. As we see You in one another and our neighbours. May that be our epiphany, realising that. WE are made in Your image. Stardust.

LIYM

We pray for our nation. That justice and the common good might be the objective of our government, not division, aggrandisement and greed.

Please give justice to Mr Bates & the sub postmasters.

LIYM

We hear reports of terrible injustices, wars and destruction in Eastern Europe, Palestine, Africa and Arabia. These are just the worst or newest. We ask for better humanity demonstrated by kindness love & mercy.

LIYM

We ask for courage, peace and wholeness for those who are unwell. Just now there are lots of coughs that won’t go away. It is depressing and boring being ill, unable to act as we would normally. The chronically sick know all about this. We ask that those we know and love are wrapped with the wings of your love and compassion.

LIYM

“Just the worst time of the year for a journey.” We remember those who have died. Asking that as we journey on looking for Jesus, we might find eternal life in your kingdom with them when we reach journeys end.

Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.