

Remember

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As we walk along the path, we see flowers blowing to and fro.
We stop to take a photo, in our hearts we feel a glow.
A sense of pride for the people who planted these by hand
A reflection of all of those who once walked upon our land.

I suppose we are the lucky ones, staying Covid-free
We sit on a bench and look over at the newly planted tree.
This is where we will come to sit and we can silently pray
And think of all the others that we've lost along the way.

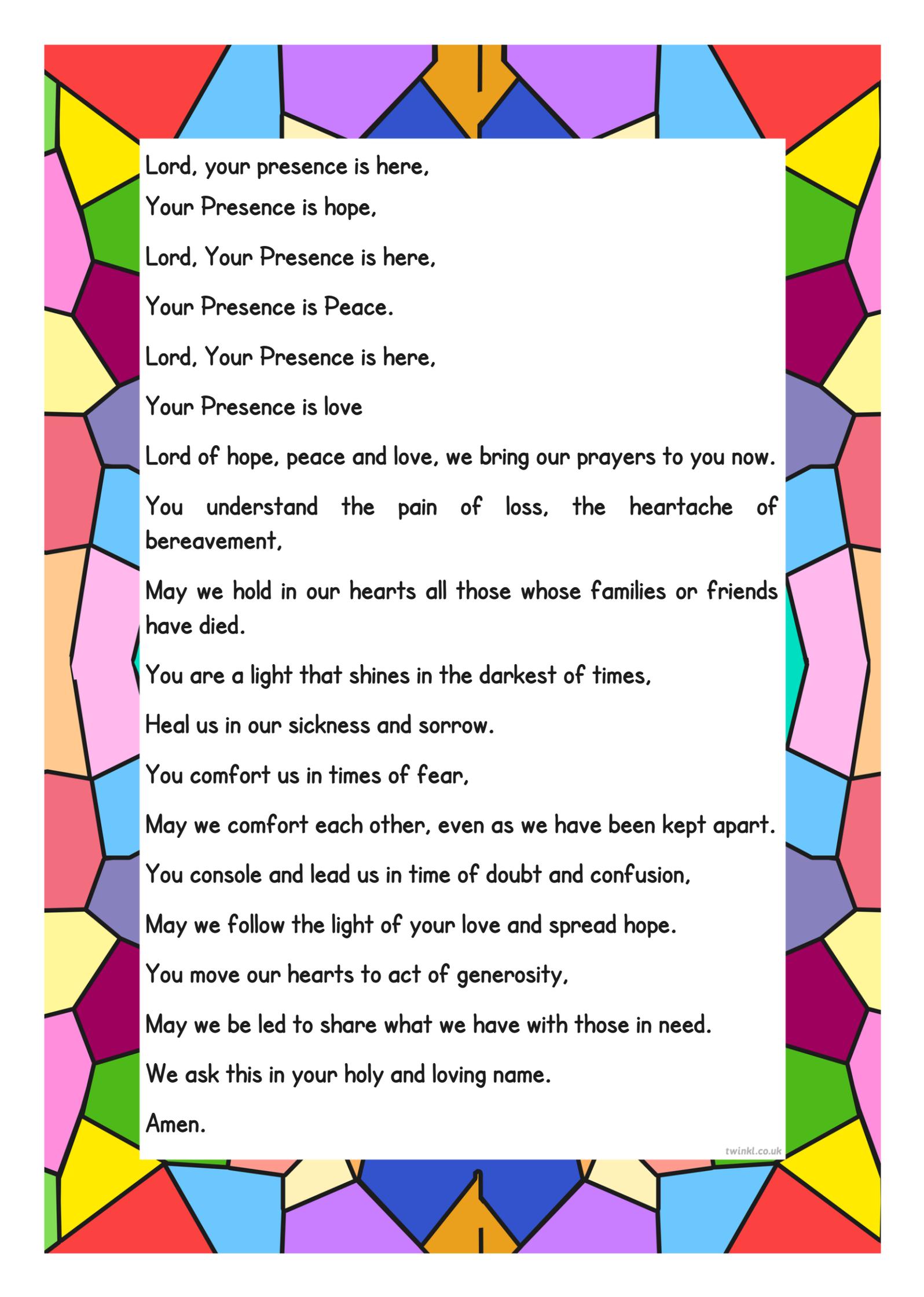
Hospitals all ahead of us, all NHS rushed off their feet,
The doctors, nurses, cleaners, scared and lacking sleep.
A pandemic arrived with such a force, the year was 2020,
We're watching the news and taking in advice as there is plenty.

Key workers, NHS, clapping, remembering, safe,
Rainbows, stay indoors, mask, work from home, hands, face, space.
These are words we keep hearing but the best one's vaccination.
Yes the Pfizer and the Oxford jabs will help to save our nation.

We speak to kind and caring people, as we cut across the green
It's good to talk to others, makes a change from the garden scene
You can hear us children playing, for a while we can forget
We reflect on the years that have passed with sadness and regret.

But things have turned a corner and it's looking bright and cheery,
The sun has got its hat on and we're not feeling so weary.
We are getting back to it and things are beginning to feel more normal
We might not get abroad this year but might make it down to Cornwall.

A garden of reflection on the green and open space.
Arundel has become our go to happy place.
So thanks to all the people who helped along the way
So we can come here to reflect on life, each and every day.



Lord, your presence is here,

Your Presence is hope,

Lord, Your Presence is here,

Your Presence is Peace.

Lord, Your Presence is here,

Your Presence is love

Lord of hope, peace and love, we bring our prayers to you now.

You understand the pain of loss, the heartache of bereavement,

May we hold in our hearts all those whose families or friends have died.

You are a light that shines in the darkest of times,

Heal us in our sickness and sorrow.

You comfort us in times of fear,

May we comfort each other, even as we have been kept apart.

You console and lead us in time of doubt and confusion,

May we follow the light of your love and spread hope.

You move our hearts to act of generosity,

May we be led to share what we have with those in need.

We ask this in your holy and loving name.

Amen.