

Heavenly Father,
Creator of all that is and who we are,
our days are truly challenging and interesting,
filled with joys, reconnections and celebrations
whilst also needing us to yield to You.
We hold in our thoughts this week
the happenings around our communities:
the terrorist attack in Reading,
the sad commemorations of Windrush arrivals;
the call to face-up to, & eradicate racism and,
the continuing ravages of the Covid-19 virus.

All these dear Lord, embody a sense of
foreboding;
all they do is serve to keep humanity
threatened,
all our days are met with questions, with pain
and with concern
yet in you dear Lord:
"There is therefore now no condemnation for
those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans8:1
(NRSV-A).



In you dear Lord,
we are found,
restored,
forgiven,
remade in your image.

We cling to You our God,
we offer you all that we are, warts and all
we commit in Jesus' name, to be better;
to stand together
to serve all equally
to pray for the healing of all nations.
Lord, to remain your disciples no matter the cost.

Come dear God and empower us with your Holy Spirit
so that all may know your Name
may be enabled to feel they belong
may be encouraged to face up to adversity,
knowing that you O God, are their strength,
their hope,
their restoration,
even as they face up to the deathly shadows;
We give you thanks, all honour and glory,
for you are our life, our hope
and our salvation;
May Your Name, dear God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be praised forever, — Amen.

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