

God Who Loves Us All

This opening prayer and confession was written to go with the story of the Good Samaritan but focuses on celebrating the diversity of God's people.

God who loves us all

We thank you that you love each one of us
Whether young and energetic
Or getting older and more reflective

We thank you that you love each one of us
Whether Black African or White British
Or Pakistani Asian or Polish European

We thank you that you love each one of us
Whether single or married or in a civil partnership
Or divorced or widowed or living together

We thank you that you love each one of us
Whether Christian or Jewish or Muslim
Or Hindu or Sikh or following no particular faith

We thank you that you love each one of us
giving us neighbours from all walks of life
And calling us to care for each other.

Forgive us when we walk by on the other side rather than stop and help
Forgive us when we close the curtains rather than get involved
Forgive us when we are so busy with our own lives that we don't care for others

God who loves and forgives each of us
Help us to love our neighbours
As you teach and show us
Through Bible stories and our walk with you.

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