

Gracious God,

Help us to see the world as you do. The first will be last and the last first. Thank you for today's reminder to pay attention to the weak and not just the strong.

We pray for those in our communities who are struggling at the moment. We pray for those who are on the margins or feel ignored.

Help us, as your church, to notice and respond to the needs we see.

[Take a moment to pray for any individuals or groups of people that God has placed on your heart...]

God of all, teach us how to welcome others.

We are all welcome in your kingdom. Thank you that you see us and know us and that your welcome is deep and personal.

During this week help us to be particularly aware of the welcome we offer others. May this church be a place of real welcome, a place where people feel they are seen and known and feel loved and secure.

[Take a moment to pray for any people that we long to know the love of Jesus...]

Thank you for the challenge in today's reading to welcome the very least in society, help us to work out what this looks like for us.

Lord, thank you that you are a God of welcome to all.