



**MMHS 70th Anniversary  
Worship Resources**

**A Short Service**

# A short act of prayer and thanksgiving for 70 years of the Methodist Ministers' Housing Society



## Call to Worship

*Leader*

We give this time to You.

*All*

Jesus teach us how to love,  
How to live in Your presence.

Jesus teach us how to live,  
How to pray in Your will.

Jesus teach us how to pray,  
How to rest in Your embrace.

Jesus teach us how to rest,  
How to be in Your world.

Jesus teach us how to be,  
How to love in Your way.

*MMHS, what it is, what it  
does and whom it serves.  
(See Backstory and Sheet Music  
material.)*



## PRAYERS

*Leader*

Loving God, you care for us as a parent cares for a child.  
You never weary of us but your arms hold us close  
and you inspire us to serve you and our fellows.

As we celebrate 70 years of the Methodist Ministers' Housing  
Society we give you thanks for its being and its continued caring.

For the concern and vision of those who saw the  
need to provide homes for retired ministers;

*All*    **We thank you.**

For those who translated that concern into practical action and  
founded the Society.

*All*    **We thank you.**

For those who have given time and skill over the years to bring the  
Society to where it is now;

*All*    **We thank you.**

For those whose generous gifts of money and property have meant  
that many ministers and their spouses have been able to be  
comfortably housed in retirement.

*All*    **We thank you.**

As we give thanks for those encouragers in the past we pray that  
you will give us grace to follow their good examples.

*All*    **Thanks be to God, who has met us in Jesus.**

**READING** : Romans 12 vv 9-13 (NIV)

**Love** must be sincere.  
Hate what is evil;  
cling to what is good.  
Be devoted to one  
another in love.  
Honour one another  
above yourselves.  
Never be lacking in zeal,  
but keep your spiritual  
fervour, serving the  
Lord. Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.  
Share with the Lord's  
people who are in need.  
Practise hospitality.



## PRAYERS

*Leader*

Lord, hear us as we pray for the Methodist Ministers' Housing Society and all associated with it.

We pray for all who live in the properties of the society. May they know your loving arms around them to help them rejoice in times of gladness and comfort in times of sorrow. May all who enter those homes find a welcome.

Lord in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Chief Executive of the Society, the Management Team and all who work in the office. May they continue to work efficiently and with compassion as they show your love.

Lord in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who work up and down the country to maintain the properties in good condition. May they be workers who are proud of their skills.

Lord in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the members of the Board, giving thanks for their commitment and service, and ask that they may have the vision and energy to meet the needs of coming generations.

Lord in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

God of all, your Son made his home among us. May the homes for which the society is responsible be places where His love abides.

*All* **Merciful Lord accept these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord AMEN**

**Our Father....**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look on you with kindness and give you peace.

*All* **AMEN**

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