

## **Prayers of Intercession written for my Welcome Service as Minister of The Cotteridge Church on Thursday 23rd March 2017.**

*(incorporating the four 'aims of The Cotteridge Church)*

God, in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you have broken down down the barrier between death and life and have reconciled your people to yourself.

We pray for our ministry of **Reconciliation**. Help us to break down the barriers that exist in our communities. Barriers of suspicion and resentment, guilt and fear. Divisions of wealth, influence and access to power. Help us to be a place where hearts learn to forgive so that peace and justice meet.

God of love  
**Hear our prayer**

God, you have called us to share the Good News of your undying love revealed in Jesus Christ.

We pray for our ministry of **Proclamation**. May be proclaim the Good News that all are included within God's love. May all be welcome within these walls, and may all who worship here be equipped to share the love of God in our daily lives.

God of love  
**Hear our prayer**

God, in Jesus Christ you showed us how to serve rather than to be served. To care for others as others care for us.

We pray for our ministry of **Service**. We pray for the groups and organisations that serve people in this place, and especially for our ministry of hospitality. Through our service may others be healed and strengthened, refreshed and renewed.

God of love  
**Hear our prayer**

God, your son Jesus Christ showed how to celebrate life in all it's fulness, eating and drinking, laughing and crying, appreciating the wonders of the world around him.

We pray for our ministry of **Celebration**. Help us to celebrate all that is good in life. Help us to celebrate the festivals of the Christian year, the significant moments in life and death, and the events that are important in the life of this community of Cotteridge. Help us to celebrate that, even in the darkest times, you are with us - in bread and wine, in Word and fellowship.

God of love  
**Hear our prayer**