

Dixon: "Lord, thank you for our Village. We all have so much to be thankful for. Lord, today we pray to be open to other's ideas and beliefs, respectful of our differences. May we grow in understanding of our own motives. People often act out of their own fears. Lord may we be a force for replacing fear with insight, helping us all to be patient and kind as we talk. Strength, real strength can always find compromise. Working together, Lord, may we find a common ground. Enable us to move forward with a shared purpose. Lord, may we see what is truly important and let it unite us, as we tie in strength and diversity and seek the courage to move forward for the future of our Village.

"Help us to remember your high callings as the agents of forgiveness and reconciliation, love and peace, healing and hope and the Village made dark by fear and hatred and brokenness.

"Today, dear Lord, guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. and part of your supreme wisdom on our activities so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion.

"We ask you to bless and protect those who are in harm's way protecting our country. For all that live in our Village, our friends, our relatives are having to face serious illness, especially one of our Directors, Mr. Mike Medica.

"LORD of loving kindness, we ask you to listen favorably to our prayers and strengthen our faith in you."

In CHRIST's name we pray. Amen.