

God of the whole world,

We give thanks for and celebrate the ministry of chaplains.

We rejoice that through this ministry, people are able to respond to your calling and join in with your mission in the world.

We are encouraged by the stories from chaplains of how you are working in so many different places: isolated farms, bustling shopping centres, hectic school corridors, quiet prison cells, new housing estates, busy hospital wards, stressful workplaces, challenging places of conflict, happy care homes, lively party zones, universities, colleges, and in an endless list of places where people are.

We pray for chaplains, that they may be strengthened by your love, and encouraged by others.

We pray that their daily living out of vocation, being present to and for others, is recognised as one of the greatest acts of love and faith.

We celebrate that through great small things, as mustard seeds are sown, you nurture with love and bring growth and transformation for the redemption of the world.

Amen.



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