Prayer for the wellbeing of cities and towns

God of all,

Your vision for the new creation

includes a city where all peoples can live in peace

and where every person and all creatures can enjoy security.

May we work for the restoration of our neighbourhoods;

protect spaces for enjoyment and peace;

and create homes where people can be safe.

We pray for the streets of our cities;

for flourishing community amongst inhabitants;

for the ability to challenge what is driven solely by profit.

We pray for space to rest and play;

for the protection of parks and local green space;

for playgrounds and places to explore.

May we rebuild the ruined cities

and restore the devastated places

so that everyone can live without fear.

May we care for our church land;

tend it and treasure it

and make space for people, animals, birds and insects.

May we see our environment as a gift from you

and may we make in our small patch of earth

a foretaste of the heavenly city.

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**Amen**