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## *Prayer for the wellbeing of cities and towns*

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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.

**Amen**