Heavenly Lord,

At Candlemas we remember Jesus being presented by his parents at the temple. We recall Simeon and Anna's wonder and gratitude as they witnessed the fulfilment of your promise.

May we too be thankful for the gift of Love and hope that God blessed us with in the form of his only son? Help us to recognise your guiding hand at work in our lives.

At the start of the Chinese New Year, may we be like a tree planted by streams of water which continues to bear fruit in God's Kingdom during every season of your life.

May we be respectful to all those around us? Particularly the grownups who care for us, supporting us through all our ups and downs.

Help us to be kind to our neighbours, hopeful that 2022 will be a less challenging year than the last.

May we see your blessings in the everyday world around us?

In Jesus' name we ask

Amen