

## PRAYERS – SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Below are some prayer points you can use, whether you are alone, as a couple, or with your family. Feel free to add to them as you wish.

Or, of course, you can also come up with your own prayers.

Alternatively, you can use the full responsive prayer further below.

If there are several of you together you may wish to share the prayers. After each part the person praying may like to say; *Lord, in your mercy*, to which everyone else responds; **Hear our prayer**.

- Praise God that He sent Jesus to die for us, while we were still sinners.
- Thank God that we now have peace, true peace, because we have been forgiven and our relationship with Him has been restored through Jesus.
- Pray for justice in our world for all people, and that everyone will work co-operatively and productively together for the good of all.
- Ask God to help us to always remember His love in our lives, and to seek to live this love out now in all we think, say and do.
- Pray that God will give us faith and strength to grow through any hardships that we face.
- Ask God to be with everyone who is going through hard times at the moment, whether because of Corona or other reasons. Pray that we can reach out and help those who need our assistance. Pray that we all ask God to give us His Spirit to help and strengthen us through these times.
- Thank God for His amazing grace!

### **A Responsive Prayer**

*We have been set free from sin through baptism, so that we can serve Christ. He has invited and commanded us to pray. So let us ask our heavenly Father to have mercy on the church and on the world.*

Heavenly Father, we pray for the nations of the world - for an end to war and for peaceful resolutions of conflict; for wise government and for honesty in commerce and industry. Come to those we spend the day with, through our godly work and conversation.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church - for obedient leadership, including in our own bishops and pastors, and for faithful discipleship; for unity of teaching and belief among Christians on the basis of your word and for the mission of the church throughout the world. Show us your face in those who speak your word and apply your righteousness to us, and move us to receive them gladly.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community - for loving nurture of children and for care of the vulnerable; for respect for individuals regardless of status or power; and for the well-being of all. Come to those who need the gospel through our words and actions, and move them to receive you through us.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need or distress - for relief for those suffering from natural disasters; for hope for the despairing. Especially be with those nations which are struggling with the Corona pandemic. Grant all governments everywhere the wisdom and compassion to make decisions for the good of all their people. Show us your face in those who suffer, and continue to pour your grace onto the world.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Give health to those struggling with sickness at this time. Show us your face in those we can help, and meet the needs of those we know who need your strength and comfort at this time ... (time for silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, in your mercy give us all these things and whatever else we need on our journey to our heavenly home; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**