

## PRAYERS – SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL

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 reveals Himself to us through His Word, Baptism and Holy Communion.
- Thank God that we know He is with us in whatever we go through.
- Pray for Lachlan Collins, a year 6 student at St. Andrews. Lachlan has just had an at this stage successful operation on a brain tumour. Pray for a continued good recovery, and also for Lachlan's family, including his twin brother, Oliver.
- Think about all those people affected in any way by the COVID 19 pandemic; those how have lost loved ones, those who are sick, those isolated from family and friends, those who have lost jobs or had their work reduced. Pray for God's grace and comfort for all.
- Ask God to be with us as we continue to meet apart, and to continue to upload and strengthen us with His love.

### **A Responsive Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for revealing your Son, Jesus Christ, in your holy Word. We thank you that you have fulfilled all the promises you made to the Prophets, to Moses and in the Psalms, in Jesus. We pray for all who hunger and thirst for righteousness and peace at this time. Lead many to the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, your Son, so that they may find the true righteousness and peace of forgiveness and healing in him.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father, kindle in our hearts the fire of your great love as we share the peace that you have given to us. Empower us and all your people everywhere to guide others into your Word. As so many people search and hunger for understanding and help, reveal your word to them so that their eyes may be opened in faith.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Jesus, at this ANZAC Day weekend, we remember, that like many of our Service men and women in the past, you laid down your life so that we might live. You have won the ultimate war and defeated our greatest enemy, death.

This day we give thanks for our country and its hard won freedoms we enjoy. We remember those who died serving in the armed forces of our nation. Preserve our nation in peace, and in times of war, pandemic, oppression, economic hardship and health crisis, give people strength and courage to defend the cause of the vulnerable in our society, even if it may cost us our lives.

At this time, we especially lift up to you all of our front-line medical professionals and workers who are giving up their own safety for the help and healing of others.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whom you have called to lead global operations, nations and local communities. Bless our Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, the National Cabinet, The State Premiers and their governments and local community leaders as they take up their calling to serve all without fear or favour.

We pray for all people who live and work in the many aged care facilities in Australia and ask you to protect them from the COVID-19 virus. Give comfort to all who are elderly. Bless those who work with them and give them strength and compassion in their work.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless and protect all people who are sick and the dying and all who hunger for health. We pray for those who struggle with bad health in our community, especially (*insert names here*). As you healed the cripple man in Jesus' name, bring your perfect healing to all who need it, and especially bring that ultimate healing of eternal life, through Jesus victory over death and hell.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father, in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have swallowed up death for ever, and opened up the way for all people to sit with you at the feast of eternal life. Feed us now and always with the bread of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**