

## PRAYERS – SUNDAY 28th 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. Perhaps use the prayer starters here if you wish.*

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

- Praise God that by His Grace He has made us to be who we are; His children, shaped and formed by Him.
- Thank God that because of His love and the sacrifice of Jesus we can be assured of His forgiveness in our lives.
- Ask God to help us to live lives as His transformed people, putting aside our old, sinful, selves and living lives which are reflective of His love and His will for us.
- Pray for forgiveness for the times when we don't show that we belong to God in how we speak and act.
- Think about the many ways we are blessed in our lives, take the time to stop and picture them, especially the ones you may often overlook. Thank God for all of these things.
- Praise God that above all else we can know that He will never stop loving us. Ask Him to help us to keep this great promise as the foundation of our lives.

### **Prayer starters**

- Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank you for all that you have given us in our lives. We think especially of .....
- We ask you to be with us in all that we are going through at the moment. We especially pray for ....
- Please be with other parts of our world, we think of ...
- We pray for people we know who especially need your help right now, particularly ...
- We thank and praise you, Lord God, for all you are to us and in our lives. Thank you for your great love. Amen.

### **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. Be with those suffering from Corona virus, either physically, socially, or financially. Show us your face in those who suffer, and stay your hand of judgment on the world.

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

Protect all those who are travelling for business or for pleasure and bring them home safely. 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 now name silently in our hearts... (brief silence)

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.**