



Suggested Prayers for Sunday 22nd March

1. A prayer for our government

Sovereign Lord,

We pray for our nation in light of the continuing impact of the coronavirus. In your sovereign power, please grant our government leaders wisdom as they make decisions in order to limit the spread of this virus and protect all those who live in Australia.

We pray for ourselves and more widely, for the people of Australia. Please give us patience, grace and wisdom as we seek to submit to our government through this difficult time.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
Amen.

2. A prayer for our Christian fellowship

Heavenly Father,

We praise you that in being united to Christ, you have also united us together as your people. Father, we are sad that we cannot meet all together at this time and look forward to the time we can restart our Sunday gatherings.

Please give us hearts that are willing to reach out to those in our church family. Please give us creativity and boldness as we encourage each other through phone calls, messages, videos, and any other means. Please help us to be patient with one another and to persevere in trusting Christ.

We pray all this so that the name of Christ may be glorified in us,
Amen

3. A Prayer for the sick and vulnerable

Gracious Father,

During these troubled times, we entrust those who are sick and vulnerable into your tender care. We ask that you would restore health and strength to those who are ill, give wisdom and patience to those caring for them and comfort those who have lost loved ones.

Please give us compassion towards those in our church family who are struggling at this time. May we be proactively serving and loving them, seeking their needs above our own and showing love in the same way you have loved us.

We humbly ask these things in the name of Jesus,
Amen.