



Suggested Prayers – Sunday 26 April 2020

1. Thanksgiving & praise to God

Almighty God, we thank you for your creation and for all the blessings of this life. We thank you for your goodness and loving-kindness in redeeming us by our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you for your grace to us and for the hope of glory. Please give us hearts that appreciate all your mercies to us, that we may be truly thankful. May we praise you not only with our lips, but also in our lives, serving you in holiness and righteousness. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and forever. Amen

2. A prayer for an end to the COVID-19 situation & the finding of a vaccine

God of infinite power, we pray for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. Please stop the spread of this disease and heal those who are infected so that our world might have some respite from this sickness. Please prevent any further death and provide us with a time of healing. We pray that hospitals would no longer be inundated, that governments can ease off restrictions, and that business and education can return to face-to-face interactions. We pray that our world would not forget this time of humility, that many would recognise their need for your salvation through Jesus Christ, your Son. Father, please ease restrictions not least so that churches may meet together again, and may we come to find a new appreciation for the gift of your church and the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We ask these things through Jesus our redeemer. Amen.

3. A prayer for World Mission & particularly HOPE Anglican Church in Leppington

Heavenly Father, we pray for the advance of your kingdom by the power of your gospel. Please raise up many workers who will take the good news of Jesus to every corner of the globe. We pray for our brother Luther and his ministry team at Hope Church Leppington. Please give them wisdom and grace to know the scriptures and to teach them to your people skilfully. Please give them great confidence in the truth of your word that they would proclaim with boldness all that you have made known in your word. Father, may you call many people through their kids ministries, Sunday services, small groups, and evangelistic efforts. May your name may be honoured and glorified by all those who to turn to Jesus. Amen.

4. A prayer for “Serving Together”, even in these unusual times

God of love, you sent your Son to serve rather than to be served, please give us a heart like yours. We ask that you'd provide us with a spirit of humility, where we might consider each other more important than ourselves. Help us to reach out to one another in these isolating circumstances. Please give us the courage to make that phone call, to set time aside for online meetings, and to make every effort to keep encouraging each other in our faith. Help us, Lord, to consider ourselves your servants bought with the precious blood of Jesus. Help us to love each other just as he loved us and to consider it our spiritual worship to serve each other in these ways. Amen.

5. A prayer in light of Anzac Day

Heavenly Father, in Psalm 76 we are reminded that it is you who shatters the weapons of war. Lord, we thank you for many years of peace in our time. We thank you for Australian service men and women who have served us through times of war and conflict to bring times of peace and justice to our world over the past century. We pray for all the members of our defence force today, that you would give them strength and protect them from dangers home and abroad. Beyond all this, Lord, we ask for the true peace that comes only in the gospel. May many find this peace in our time and we long for the return of Jesus to bring eternal peace for your people. In Jesus name, amen.

6. A prayer for the 10:30am Carlton congregation

Our great God, we thank you for the church and for the fellowship we have by your Holy Spirit. We thank you that you have made us your sons and daughters with a glorious hope to look forward to together. We thank you for all those who meet at various congregations, but in particular, we pray for 10:30am Carlton. We thank you for gospel teams, the leaders and the members who are continuing to meet and encourage each other. We pray for those who've struggled to join a gospel team and be a part of these groups. Please help 10:30am be concerned for these people and to make every effort to include as many of them as possible. We also pray for Phil, that he would continue to lead 10:30am with faithfulness and wisdom. May you carry on your work in all of your people, until it is complete on the day Jesus returns in glory. This we ask this in Jesus' name, amen.

7. A prayer for us as we follow Jesus this week

Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending the Lord Jesus to rescue us from the power of sin. We thank you that by his blood, we have been redeemed and set free from the fear of judgment. Please help us to remain steadfast in our faith this week, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith. Whether we are finding ourselves with less time or more time, help us to make time to read our Bibles and pray. Please grow us in our understanding, to build us up in knowledge, to strengthen us in our faith, that we might live godly lives while we wait for Jesus to return. May your goodness be displayed through the way we live, and may your name be honoured forever and ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.