



Suggested Prayers - Sunday – 10th of May 2020

1. Prayers of confession and thanksgiving for our salvation

Almighty God, our creator and redeemer,

We praise you for your work of creation; for the beauty of the world around us and for every gift we enjoy. We thank you for creating us to know you, love you and obey you. Most of all we thank you for your amazing love in sending your Son, to take the punishment we deserve and to give us life in all its fullness. In your mercy, you have washed us from our sins and made us clean in your sight.

Yet we still fail to love you as we should and serve you as we ought. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you and to please you in every way.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

2. A prayer for our leaders and government at the local, state and federal levels

God our Saviour,

You desire all people to come to know the truth about Jesus and so be saved. And so we pray for our government. We pray that they would lead in a way that allows this to keep happening in Australia. May their decisions for our country promote dignified and godly living, and may they not restrict the spread of the gospel. You have sovereignly appointed our leaders at every level, so we ask that their leadership would reflect your desires for our nation.

We recognise too that the responsibility of leadership can be a significant burden, with many pressures and much stress. Especially in these difficult times, protect the mental and physical health of our leaders. Preserve their relationships with their families. And please have mercy on them, that they too might be forgiven, cleansed and changed, on account of your Son.

Amen

3. Continued prayer for World Mission, CMS and particularly Howard and Michelle Newby with Katelyn (14), Josh (10) and Caleb (7)

Sovereign God,

Your desire for the salvation of all people turns our eyes to the rest of the world. How wonderful it will be when people of every tribe and nation will gather around your throne in the new creation! And how gracious you are to restrain your judgment so that all might come to repentance. Please continue to work in the world, bringing many more people to your Son. Through your people, and fellowships like CMS, be glorified in the proclamation of the gospel to the nations.

Please continue to encourage the Newby family in their home assignment. Preserve their relationships with each other. And preserve their zeal for the gospel, and their love for Filipinos.

Amen

4. A prayer for “Growing Disciples” even in these unusual times

Heavenly Father,

Throughout this challenging time, so many of the things we would like to be doing are not available to us and in many areas, we’ve needed to adapt. Please help us to be still growing each other as disciples of Jesus despite restrictions. We may not be able to meet together as we used to, but keep us in your word and encouraging one another from Scripture. Help us to boldly and gently rebuke each other so that our lives would be ones that honour Christ. And may we lift one another’s eyes to the great hope we have in Christ.

Amen

5. A prayer for the Carlton 6:30pm congregation

Great God,

Thank you for the Carlton 6:30pm congregation. Thank you for many close relationships amongst them, and continuing fellowship even at a distance. Please help those who are less connected to be supported and welcomed. Many members are in Gospel Teams; thank you that they can continue to meet online and over your word.

Please give all from the 6:30 congregation a steady confidence in your word and grow their trust in you. Help them to love your Son more and more.

Amen

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

Holy Father,

You care deeply about the way we live, and you continually call us to lives of godliness. Help us to be recognising what remains in us that belongs to our earthly natures and to be putting it to death. Give us hearts that reject greed, anger, immorality and idolatry and everything else that is against your will for us. Help us instead to be kind, humble, gentle, patient, and forgiving. Help us to regularly meditate on your word and to deeply understand the grace of Christ. And please change our desires to match yours.

Fill us with all joy and peace in believing and help us to be personally growing as disciples of Christ now more than ever.

Amen

7. The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.