



Suggested Prayers - Sunday – 31st of May 2020

1. A confession and thanksgiving prayer

Heavenly Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have turned against You, ignoring You and rejecting Your will for our lives. We have been stubborn and rebellious, but You are merciful and kind. 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.

We humbly thank you for all the gifts You have so freely given us: For life, health, and safety, for work, rest, and friendship, and for all the wonder of creation. But above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ: For his death and resurrection, for your life-giving Spirit, and the hope of sharing in your glory. Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

2. A prayer for our Government and leaders during COVID-19

Sovereign Lord, we know there is no authority or leadership except that which You have established. Please help us continue to submit to and be thankful for our Government and leaders. We thank you that you have helped them to make wise decisions in managing the COVID-19 crisis, and that the number of cases continues to decline. As the Government considers what restrictions to alleviate, please lead them in these choices. May You be glorified through the challenges and difficulties of COVID-19.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

3. A prayer for Brendan and our Youth leaders

Loving Father, we thank You for Brendan and our Youth leaders that continue to serve and disciple the youth at SNAC. We thank You that despite the restrictions of COVID-19, they have still been able to creatively work online with our youth.

Please help them to be patient and endure in this faithful work. May You refresh them through Your word, guard them from sin, and lead them in godliness as they model godly living to our youth. Help them to continue to find rest in You as they serve our youth, and persevere with the work of proclaiming the Gospel.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

4. Prayer for World Mission, CMS and particularly Peter and Terry Blowes

Lord of the harvest, we ask that You would continue to raise up labourers for the mission field in the world around us. May more and more people come to know Jesus as Lord so that disciples are made from all nations. We thank you for the work of CMS and their commitment to global mission, seeing less reached and resourced countries hear the Gospel. Please continue to provide financially for CMS, and may you help Christians continue to consider how they can be investing eternally in the work of the Gospel.

We particularly pray for Peter and Terry Blowes in Argentina. We thank you for their heart for mission and their desire to train and equip students for a life of serving you. Please give them great patience with the highly restrictive isolation laws in that land and give them creativity to continue to serve the saints in Argentina. In Jesus name we pray, Amen

5. A prayer for the lost in Bexley, Bexley North and Carlton

Merciful God, we thank You that You are patient, not wanting anyone to perish, but for everyone to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). We thank you for the abundant harvest that is before us in Bexley, Bexley North and Carlton. Help us to be bold in loving our neighbours by sharing the great news about your son Jesus Christ. Please show them mercy, and soften their hearts to receive this free gift.

As COVID-19 restrictions ease, may we consider the new opportunities for us to re-engage with our neighbours so that Christ can be proclaimed. Help us to be wise in our conduct, and honour You in our witness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

6. A prayer for our English For Life ministry (still meeting online now)

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the many gifts you continue to bless the church body with. Thank you for the leaders who are willing and able to teach the Bible faithfully at the English for Life ministry. We are especially thankful that this ministry can continue online despite the COVID-19 restrictions, and the members are engaging with Your word. May You soften the hearts of these members, and convict them of their sin and ultimately their need for Jesus Christ. We pray that there might be everlasting fruit through the English for Life ministry as You continue to bring more people to a saving knowledge about your Son Jesus Christ. In His name we pray, Amen

7. A prayer for the Bexley North 10:30am congregation

Lord most high, we give You praise for establishing the local gathering at Bexley North, 10:30am. We thank you that there are still ways this congregation is able to engage with one another through Gospel Teams and online content.

We particularly pray for the members that might feel disconnected from this time of isolation. Please give them the boldness to reach out, ask for help from one another, and ultimately find comfort and security in You. Please enable the Gospel Teams to continue to offer much needed fellowship and engagement with one another during this time, and give refreshment, strength and perseverance to Jason and the Gospel team leaders as they seek to love and serve the congregation at Bexley North in this way. We long for the day when we can meet together again. May your son Jesus come back soon. In His name we pray, Amen

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

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for sustaining us and helping us through the difficulties of this year. We know You continue to provide for us, and have done so most clearly through your son Jesus Christ. We entrust the work we have before us this week to you. Please help us to glorify your son Jesus through our efforts, and may we be bold in proclaiming the good news about him. Please guard us from sin, and may we continue to grow in Christlikeness by your Spirit, through your Word.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen