



Suggested Prayers - Sunday – 14th of June 2020

1. A prayer of praise

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being. You are worthy, Lamb of God, for you were slain, and with your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever. Amen

2. A prayer in light of this week's sermon

Lord of all, thank you for your word to us in this week's SNAC at home. We praise you for your gracious love to a world that is unresponsive and rebellious. We praise you for making yourself known to us in the person of Jesus and demonstrating your incredible love at the cross, where Christ died once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous. May we never take your love for granted, or forget the saving power of Christ on the cross. We thank you that we live in a time where we can always look back to the cross, to remind ourselves of your faithful love. Father, we thank you that, in Christ, there is true rest to be found. We pray that we would be people who continue to learn from him, growing to be like him in humility and gentleness. Lord we ask that you may make us people who do not resist his yoke, but seek after complete obedience, that we may be the light of the earth, for all to see and give praise to your name, this we ask in Jesus name, amen.

3. A prayer for us as we continue under COVID-19 restrictions

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the hard work that has been going into preparing weekly SNAC at Home content. We thank you also for the staff who've had to take on extra roles to make these things happen. Because we know that we are not yet at a place where church can meet as we would normally, we pray for strength and endurance to carry on in this way. We pray that you would place it on our hearts to serve each other during this time to ensure that we are achieving the best we can under the circumstances. For this reason, we pray that you would help each of us to be looking for ways to serve, whether it is by inviting people to come and watch SNAC at Home in our homes, driving kids to kids church, or assisting with audio and video for SNAC at Home productions. Above all, we pray that each of us would be joined together in prayer for us as a church, that at this time we would not only survive but thrive as disciples of the Lord Jesus, in whose name we pray, amen.

4. A prayer for us as we move toward in-person gatherings

(Staff)

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the great news that restrictions are beginning to ease across the state of NSW. We thank you especially that meetings of 20 people are not possible. We thank you that this means many of us will be able to return to meeting together in person in homes. However, with the difficulties of larger gatherings, and

those at higher risk, we pray that you would continue to give Phil and the staff team wisdom as they make important decisions concerning our next steps. As well as all this, we pray that all of our gatherings will be able to return to normal as soon as possible.

(Kids & Youth)

Father, we thank you that at this stage we can have kids and youth beginning to meet in person and we pray that this will happen smoothly. We pray for all the kids and youth leaders that they will be able to work well together with all the challenges they face. We pray as kids and youth begin to meet, that you would strengthen each of them in their faith, growing them in their understanding of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that each of them would learn to value meeting together with other Christians and come to see and understand the significance of church gatherings.

(Gospel Teams & leaders)

Lord, we give you great thanks that small groups are beginning to gather again in person to read your word together and pray. We know that this is one of the fundamental ways that you bless our lives in the Lord Jesus. We pray for much enthusiasm and energy as we begin to make arrangements for gospel teams to meet in homes and on church sites. Please give us all a spirit of hospitality and a genuine concern for one another. In this unique time, we pray especially for our Gospel Team leaders, that they will be caring for their groups sincerely, paying attention that no one is overlooked and that all of us may meet to build each other up in truth and love.

We pray all of these things in Jesus' name, amen.

5. A prayer for CMS missionary Kellie Nicholas (Japan)

Heavenly Father, we give you great thanks and praise for the way you are increasing your kingdom all over the world. We thank you especially for Kellie Nicholas, who works in Japan for CMS. We thank you for the ways you have worked in her life, convicting her of the gospel of grace and sending her to proclaim Jesus to Japanese university students. We thank you that many students have transitioned well into meeting on Zoom without too much hassle. Please continue to work through your word, convicting students that Jesus is the risen Lord. We pray that you'll be working in the Japanese government, giving their leadership wisdom as they make decisions to ease restrictions. Please continue to grow the gospel in Japan, and may many people come to hear the good news of Jesus, as workers are raised up and boldly proclaim Christ as Lord, amen.

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the way that you sustain each of us by your powerful word, working us through your Holy Spirit that we receive as a gift through faith in Jesus Christ, your son. By these means, we ask that you might strengthen us again this week as we draw near to you in your word, prayer and fellowship. Please continue your good work in us, transforming us by the renewing of our minds. Help us to put off sin, turn away from all that is false and impure, and may we present ourselves as living sacrifices, to grow and serve your kingdom. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith, causing us to rejoice with peace and thanksgiving.

We ask this through Christ Jesus, our Lord, Amen.