



Suggested Prayers - Sunday – 5th July 2020

1. A confession and thanksgiving prayer

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have turned against you, and rejected your will for our lives. We have been stubborn and rebellious, doing what your law forbids, and failing to do what your law commands. But you are merciful and kind Lord. For the sake of Jesus, 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 Government and leaders and those most affected by COVID-19

Father, we continue to pray for those in power as they continue to tighten and ease restrictions across our country. Give them the wisdom to respond appropriately to the pandemic as it develops. Please also provide special care for those most affected, for those who struggle with mental health but need to remain isolated and indoors and also for those with loved ones that they cannot visit and comfort. Please use this time when our society most clearly recognises our mortality to spread the hope of the Gospel through your people. Help us to be faithful and bold, taking every opportunity to offer the good news to a perishing world. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

3. A prayer for Brendan and our youth leaders

Father, we thank you for Brendan and our youth leaders that continue to serve the youth at SNAC. We thank you for the easing of restrictions that have allowed them to begin meeting together again. Please bless them in this step towards regular fellowship and we pray that our youth would see clearly the growth and encouragement you provide for them through one another. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

4. Prayer for World Mission, CMS and particularly the Newbys

Lord of the harvest, we ask that You would continue to raise up labourers for the mission field in the world around us. May many more people soon come to know Jesus as Lord, that disciples might be made from all nations. We thank you for the work of CMS and their commitment to global mission which has enabled countries with very few resources to receive the Gospel. Please continue to provide financially for CMS through the generosity of the Spirit's work in our hearts. We pray for Howard and Chi as they continue to think about their potential future in the mission field. Please give them guidance and renewed passion for the spread of the Gospel as we draw closer to the end of the pandemic. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

5. A prayer for us as we look forward to the school term break

Heavenly Father, thank you for sustaining us and helping us through the many difficulties we have faced this year. We know you continue to provide for us and have done so most clearly through your son Jesus Christ. As we enjoy the coming term break, please refresh us physically and spiritually as we spend time in your word and prayer, remembering that our ultimate rest is found in Christ. We ask all these things in Jesus' name, amen.

6. A prayer in response to this week's sermon

Father, we thank you that you have revealed yourself to us fully in Jesus Christ. Thank you for softening our hardened hearts so that we could receive the Gospel and recognise Jesus as our Lord. We ask that you would show mercy to those who still reject you; please grant them the faith to trust in you and turn away from their desire to remain the god of their own lives. Father, help us to live each day in the new life you provided when you raised us from the dead in Christ at the resurrection. May our lives be a faithful witness to those who have yet to receive you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.