



Suggested Prayers - Sunday – 12th of July 2020

1. A prayer of thanksgiving and confession

Almighty God, our creator and redeemer, we praise you for our 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.

We confess that we have often gone our own way and rejected your will for our lives. We are sorry for our sins. 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, for the glory of our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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

Heavenly father, we thank you for giving us your word, making clear your will for our lives. Please help us to receive what we have heard from you today and apply it to our lives this week. May we never stop drinking deeply from your word as we wait for your son Jesus Christ to return.

In light of the different challenges we may face in our lives here on Earth, we rejoice that we have a family in heaven with you as our Father. May we take great encouragement in knowing that we will share eternity with you and our church family. Help us to continue to serve and be in fellowship with one another as we bear witness to the world about your son Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

3. A prayer for evangelism in our communities

Lord of the harvest, we need your help to continue with the work of proclaiming the Gospel. You have placed each of us in different communities, social circles, and work situations where many still do not yet know who Jesus is. Might you help us to continue to have an eternal perspective towards our lives and our relationships. Please give us boldness to speak the truth into the lives of those around us, and bear witness to them through our words and actions.

We thank you for the easing of restrictions from COVID-19, and that we can slowly start to meet people face to face again. Might we use these opportunities to proclaim confidently the certain hope we have in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Please show mercy to those around us, softening their hearts so they may choose life. We ask these in Jesus name. Amen.

4. A prayer for Anglicare

Gracious God, you reign over all and are in control of all things. We pray for the poor and desperate in our society during this time. We thank you that you gift us with all that we need, and more, so that we might be generous and partner with you in caring for the needs of others. We thank you for the work of Anglicare and their vision to tend to the

most vulnerable in the community at all stages of life. May they be cared for physically, emotionally, but above all, spiritually.

Through Anglicare, would the gospel shine brightly, and you be glorified to all. Please help the workers involved with Anglicare be intentional in proclaiming the news about Jesus as they serve the needs of various people groups. We ask these for your glory, in Jesus name. Amen.

5. A prayer for worldwide Anglican Leaders

Sovereign Lord, we entrust the leadership of the worldwide Anglican church over to you. Throughout history, you have established a rich tradition throughout the world that has seen many souls saved and churches raised. Please help the worldwide Anglican leaders to remain in peace and be unified around your word, the Bible. May the leaders be guided foremost by what you have said through your word.

Please guard these leaders, your servants, from sin, and enable them to be above reproach in their decisions and conduct. May the decisions of these leaders enable Your church to live lives different to the world around us and to testify to the work of your Son Jesus. May you help our leaders to stand firm in their faith and for you be glorified. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

6. A prayer for CMS missionaries Peter and Terry Blowes (Argentina)

Merciful Lord, we praise you for the resources you have gifted Peter and Terry to continue the work of the gospel in Argentina. As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise in Argentina, please protect Peter and Terry as they go about their lives, and minister to others. May you keep them safe and well.

Thank you for technology and the Whatsapp groups they have established to encourage daily Bible reading and prayer. We also pray for the "Emotions in Quarantine" event they have been running. May these efforts produce good fruit and lead to more people reading the Bible and growing in their love and knowledge of You. Please help the Bloweses to be wise in where to invest their time and energy to bless and be blessed. May they trust you with all their plans and efforts, knowing that your ways are greater than ours. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you for how you feed our souls richly with your powerful word. May you work in us this week, through your Holy Spirit, to grow in Christlikeness. Help us to be thankful for the good work you have prepared for us in advance, and to glorify you through our efforts.

May you guard us from sin, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from all evil. May we boldly and confidently approach you with all our needs, knowing that you have freely and graciously washed us clean through the blood of your son Jesus Christ. As we rejoice in knowing you are our eternal father, may we live lives that honour you and point to Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.