



Suggested Prayers - Sunday – 19th of July 2020

1. A thanksgiving prayer

Gracious God, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely given to us, for life and health and safety, for power to work, leisure to rest, and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life. But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection, for the gift of your Spirit, and for 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

Heavenly Father, as your word calls us to (1 Tim. 2), we offer prayer for those in authority over us in Australia. We continue to pray for Prime Minister Morrison and Premier Berejiklian during this time of COVID. Please grant them wisdom for decision making as they lead the country and State through this time of uncertainty. May their choices be marked by a care for the vulnerable and a concern for integrity and justice. As Prime Minister Morrison professes to follow Christ, strengthen him by Your Spirit to live according to your word.

Father, in all this, continue to remind us that you are sovereign and rule over all. We pray that you would grant relief and restoration from this pandemic in our country and beyond. Please grant healing for the sick, comfort for the lonely and hope for the fearful. We pray most of all, that even in the midst of all this, you would bring glory to yourself and open the eyes of many to see the hope found in Your Son. In His name we pray, Amen.

3. A prayer for growing disciples at SNAC

Sovereign God, we praise you for the gift of your word. Thank you that you give it as a means to grow us in the gospel. We pray that this would continue to be a priority at SNAC – that as we proclaim Christ, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, we might present everyone mature in Him (Col. 1:28). As you sanctify us by your truth (John 17:17), shape us to be more and more like your Son.

Father, we also praise you for the gift of your church. As COVID affects our Sunday gatherings, gospel teams and one-to-ones, we pray that you would remind us of the privilege of fellowship as brothers and sisters in Christ. In every situation, may we seek to encourage one another and speak the truth in love, so that by this everyone will know that we are your disciples (John 13:35). Amen.

4. A prayer for kids ministry at SNAC

Loving Father, we thank you that you care deeply for people of *all* ages. Thank you for the work of Your Spirit in our Kids ministry at SNAC and the reminder that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these (Matt. 19:14). Thank you for the efforts and the faithfulness of Kevin and the team during this COVID period in providing material that is fun, engaging and true to Your word. Thank you for the partnership with parents in undertaking this essential role of discipleship.

Father, we pray for Mega Monday coming this week. We pray that it would be a day where children clearly hear the good news of Jesus and His love for them. Please keep everyone safe and give Kevin and the leaders wisdom and patience, energy and enthusiasm as they teach and run activities. We pray that the day would lead to many gospel opportunities with kids and their families – growing and encouraging those who already call Jesus “Lord” and softening the hearts of those who do not. This we pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.

5. Prayer for World Mission and the McDowells

God of compassion, we praise you that your church is one of every nation, tribe and language. Thank you that the good news of Jesus is being taken out to all the earth. We pray now for Samuel and Kate McDowell who are serving in Paraguay.

Please continue to sustain them in the difficulties of ministry during a pandemic. As they offer medical help and disciple others in your word, grant them wisdom and perseverance. We pray most of all, that you would be convicting hearts of the reality of sin and the truth of the gospel. We pray that as the McDowells faithfully plant and water, you would provide the growth (1 Cor. 3:6).

Father, finally, we pray that during this time of uncertainty, you would grow Samuel and Kate in godliness – in their ministry and in their marriage. We pray also for Thomas, Lydia and Benjamin in their homeschooling and in being brought up in the training and instruction of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). May they delight in all they have in the gospel and grow in their love and knowledge of their Saviour. In His name, Amen.

6. A prayer for LIFE ministry

Merciful Father, we praise you for the gift of new life found through faith in Jesus Christ. Grow us in thankfulness for this and in the conviction to share it with others. May our delight in the gospel and our love for others compel us to tell them of our Saviour. We pray especially for the upcoming LIFE nights. We pray for planning and preparations that are underway, but also that you would embolden us to invite others. Give us the words to speak and the compassion to speak to those who do not yet know you.

We pray for the LIFE team and that you would use them to welcome and care for guests well. We pray that the talks would be faithful to your word and that conversations would be clarifying and centred on you. Father, by Your Spirit, prepare the hearts of those who will be attending and in your mercy, bring them to yourself. For the sake of your glory, Amen.

7. A prayer for the week ahead

Father, take us and use us to love and serve you and all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.