



Suggested Prayers - Sunday 2nd August 2020

1. A prayer of praise

We exalt You, our God the King,
and praise Your name forever and ever.
We will praise You every day;
We will honour Your name forever and ever.

Lord, you are great and highly praised;
your greatness is unsearchable.
One generation will declare Your works to the next
and will proclaim Your mighty acts.

Our God in Heaven, you are great and mighty, powerful and unsearchable. We praise you for your glorious works, for the beauty of creation and all that you have made as well as for every good and perfect gift we receive from you. We praise you for your mighty acts, for your faithfulness as you have saved your people throughout history, and most clearly and wonderfully, how you have saved us all through your Son. Thank you, our Lord and God, for your mighty work of salvation which you achieved for us at the cross of Christ. Amen

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

God of our nation, we pray for the current situation with Coronavirus. We thank you that we have been kept in relative health and safety compared to much of our world. Thank you for the leaders of our government who have been striving to keep our people safe in this difficult time. We pray that you would continue to give them wisdom and compassion as they adapt to the constant changes in our situation. May they lead us in policies that prioritise human life and safety, that support the vulnerable, and that care for those who need it most.

We pray too, Father, that you would stop the spread in Victoria especially, but also across our whole country and world. Give scientists insight and perseverance as they work on a cure and uphold our medical professionals as they care for the sick and fight this virus on the front line.

Through all this uncertainty and anxiety, may the certain gospel of the Lord Jesus be proclaimed boldly, so that many may find comfort and shelter in the Lordship of Christ.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

3. A prayer for our Church as we meet together

Loving Father, thank you so much for the ways we have been able to meet together in person over these past weeks. Thank you for our home hubs and our gospel teams, where so many of us have been able to encourage one another face to face. Thank you for the larger hubs that some of our congregations have been able to start where more people may see one another, listen to your word together, and share life with one another. We pray that this may continue safely, with more and more people gathering around your word, and all the more as we see the day of Christ approaching.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

4. Prayer for our church: Glorifying God by Serving Together

Our Heavenly Father, we pray that you would continue to be at work powerfully here at St George North. We pray that, by your Spirit, you would be enabling us, even in these unusual times, to bring great honour and glory to you as we serve together. Help us to be aware of one another's needs, to care for the vulnerable and the struggling, and to serve self-sacrificially for the sake of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Help us to use the good gifts you have given us to love one another deeply and effectively, that we may build one another up in unity in the faith and in the knowledge of your Son. May we be people who are known to be disciples of Jesus by the deep love we have for one another that expresses itself in self-giving service for your glory. Amen.

5. World Mission, CMS and particularly the Sholls

Lord of the harvest, we know that the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few, and so we pray that you would send many harvest workers out into the world to proclaim the gospel to people of all tribes, nations and tongues. We thank you for the work of CMS over so many years, as many missionaries have faithfully gone to the ends of the earth with the gospel as they work to see a world that knows Jesus.

We pray particularly for the Sholl family. Thank you so much for all that you have done through them over the last 11 years in Mexico. Thank you for their faithful ministry with MOCLAM, teaching leaders in Latin America how to understand and teach the bible well. Thank you for their faithful ministry in their local church as so many men and women have engaged with your word and been equipped to share it with others. Comfort them as they have returned to Australia these past few days, leaving so many relationships behind, particularly since they haven't been able to farewell many in the ways they had hoped. Give them confidence in your work that they leave behind, and joy knowing that though they are distant, they are eternally brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.

6. A prayer for our upcoming LIFE course

God of all people, we thank you so much that we live in a place where we can openly declare the gospel of the Lord Jesus to those around us. We thank you for the many who have heard this good news through the life course and look forward to many more hearing over the coming weeks as we run this course again. We pray that you would embolden us to seek opportunities to speak about Jesus with our friends and invite them to join us at this course and hear more about the life that he offers. We pray that COVID cases in NSW may not increase and inhibit the running of this course, and that as we proceed in a COVID safe manner, people will feel safe and willing to join us at the LIFE course.

Ultimately, we know that unless you build the house the builders labour in vain, so please, Father, we ask that you would be at work powerfully by your Spirit in the hearts of those who will come, convicting them of the truth of the gospel, and turning them towards Jesus in faith and repentance that we may rejoice with them now and for eternity. Amen.

You, Lord, are righteous in all your ways
and gracious in all your acts.

You, Lord, are near all who call out to you,
all who call out to you with integrity.

Be near to us Lord, and answer our prayer for you glory, now and forever, in the name of Christ

Amen