



Suggested Prayers – Sunday 9th of August 2020

1. A prayer for the Life Course

Heavenly Father, we are excited for the start of the Life course again next week. We know that in your kindness you choose to use us weak and frail messengers in your plan to bring about salvation through your Son, and we've even seen this amongst us before during the Life course. Please work through us again next week. Give us all boldness to keep inviting our friends and family; may many come, and may they all hear clearly the message of the cross – that message which sounds weak and foolish to the world, but which is your wisdom and power for salvation. Help the Life team to be well prepared, and may their words and service over the coming weeks testify to your gracious love.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

2. A prayer for Phil, the Staff Team, and our Parish Council and Wardens

Heavenly Father, thank you for the godly leaders you have placed over us at SNAC. Thank you for their careful leadership and Christian example, and that they maintain the proclamation of the gospel through the teaching of your word as the priority at our church. Please help Phil and the staff team to continue handling your word rightly, bringing it to bear on us with great insight. Please help the Parish Council and Wardens to be wise and thoughtful in the management of our church's affairs. And please keep all of our leaders in good health, keep them godly and above reproach both in public and in their own homes, and help us to support and submit to them as we should.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

3. A prayer for World Mission, CMS and the Turners

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the ministry Glen & Dominique Turner have had amongst Tanzanians, particularly at Mara Primary School in Musoma. During this time of struggle in Tanzania, due to COVID-19, please help parents there to be able to pay school fees and so please provide for the staff of the school. Please continue to provide for the Turners too. Please sustain them back here in Australia. Help them to continue to proclaim the gospel like they did in Tanzania. Through their work and our partnership with them, and through the work of CMS and many others, please bring about a world that knows Jesus.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

4. A prayer for the explosion in Lebanon

Heavenly Father, we pray for those in Lebanon devastated by the recent, massive explosion. We grieve for those who have lost their lives so suddenly. Bring consolation and comfort to the families forever changed by loss. Sustain emergency service personnel searching for survivors, and over-stretched medical staff coping with the injured. Protect those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the long road of rebuilding ahead. We ask your mercy on all who have lost their homes, livelihoods, security or hope. Bless the work of relief agencies who will providing longer-term assistance. Sustain all those who seek to serve others, so that they may repair ruined streets and be the restorers of cities.

Holy God, you are our comfort and strength in times of disaster and crisis. Surround us now with your grace and peace through explosion and pandemic, through man-made civil strife, and through natural disasters. In an unstable world, enable Christians to point to a sure and certain future made available to all who trust in the resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Then keep our hearts focused on the needs of others, even after this crisis is over. So by your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, and fill us with the hope of the heavenly city that cannot be shaken.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

5. A prayer for Moore Theological College

Heavenly Father, we thank you for providing for the needs of Moore College over the past 164 years, through generations of generous friends and prayer partners. Thank you for the godly men and women whom you have brought to study there, and for the opportunities those students have had to then serve you in Sydney and around the world. Thank you too for the Student Ministers serving alongside us now at SNAC.

Please continue to raise up many more men and women to take the gospel to our needy world. We think of our context, and ask particularly that you would provide for the need of pastors for churches in Sydney. May many come and train at Moore College for that work. And Father, please keep everyone at Moore College growing in godliness, faithfulness, humility and confidence in your word.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.