



Suggested Prayers - Sunday – 16th of August 2020

1. A prayer for the Life Course

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the first week of the LIFE course. Thank you for the non-Christians who came to hear the gospel and for the Christians who came to be reminded of your grace and love. Please bless Mike with clarity and wisdom as he continues to preach the good news faithfully and may those in attendance be given ears to hear.

2. A prayer for our faith in times of difficulty

Heavenly Father, we thank you for giving us a representative in Jesus who knows our weakness and invites us to come before your throne for help. We pray especially for those in our church family who are suffering emotionally, physically or spiritually at this time. Please sustain us even when we don't feel like turning to you in your word or prayer. Help us to remember the love you have for us in Christ and the healing you provide for our struggling hearts.

3. A prayer for World Mission, CMS and Howard & Chi

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gospel ministry of Howard and Chi. Please give them peace and a renewed longing for mission work as they remain in Australia for the foreseeable future. Help them to see and embrace gospel opportunities as they engage with old and new relationships during their time here. Through their work, our partnership with them and the work of CMS, please use us to raise a new generation that knows Christ.

4. A prayer for Belarus amidst the election protests

Heavenly Father, we pray for peace in the wake of the Belarus election protests. We mourn for the lives lost in the struggle between police and protestors. We pray for order amid the chaos and justice in the government as people seek to make their voices heard. Please bless your saints in Belarus, give them strength to speak out and offer hope to those who have not yet placed their hope in you.

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

Heavenly Father, give us the strength to walk in the light you have given to us through your word and the life of Jesus. Help us to drink deeply from the joy of the good news that we are forgiven and secure in Christ. Bless us as we pray and open our bibles and help us shake off the complacency and distractions which prevent us from fixing our eyes on you. In both words and actions, help us to be a light to the nations as we walk in a world that desperately needs hope. We ask all these things in Jesus name, amen.