



## **Suggested Prayers - Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

### **1. A prayer of praise**

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things and by your will, they were created and have their being. You are worthy, Lamb of God, for you were slain, and with your blood, you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, forever and ever. Amen

### **2. A prayer of confession**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have gone our own way, not loving you as we ought, nor loving our neighbour as ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed and in what we have failed to do. We deserve your condemnation. Father forgive us. Help us to love you and our neighbour, and to live for your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Thank you, Father, for the words of 1 John 1:9, that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen

### **3. Thanksgiving for God's word**

Father, we give you great thanks for the scriptures kept for us today. We thank you that in them you have made your word known to us through the law and the prophets. We thank you most of all for making yourself known finally and fully through your Son, Jesus Christ. Father, thank you for offering us a relationship with you through faith in him. Lord God, we pray that as we read the 10 Commandments in Exodus 20, you will challenge us. Please expose our hidden faults and make them known to us, so that we may be transformed more into the image of our Saviour Jesus. We pray that you would give us understanding, wisdom and insight into your commandments so that we might know your character and seek to please you in the way that we live. As we do this, we pray that we will always remember the cross of Christ, where Jesus redeemed us from our sin and justified us fully in your sight. May we never try to earn your love by keeping your word, but instead, may we respond to your grace in loving obedience. In Jesus name, Amen.

### **4. Thanksgiving for God's work in and through us**

Father, we give you great praise and thanks for the way you have been working in our midst over the coronavirus period. We thank you for the way during this time you have sustained us in faith and continued to provide the desire and the will to walk in the good

works you have prepared for us to do. We thank you for the generosity you have given us in financial giving that has enabled SNAC to continue running, serving, and proclaiming Christ. Please keep working in us in this way, so that we may always be ready for good works. May you be glorified in this way, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

#### **5. A prayer for the spread of the Gospel**

God of the Gospel, we thank you for the great news of Jesus; the power to save all who believe. We thank you for illuminating our hearts, to know and believe what Jesus has done to rescue us from sin. We pray for the spread of this news in Australia and all the world. Please bring about circumstances that will allow the Gospel to be proclaimed clearly and broadly. Please work in our cities and towns across the country, preparing those you know to hear and believe. We pray for our churches; may ministers and lay people grow in their love for the lost and their desire to evangelise. Please raise many new leaders who are convicted of your power through Jesus, and the need to make him known in every place. Please give all your people in all the world boldness to make Jesus known, to be counted as Christian and to shine his light in this world. Amen.

#### **6. A prayer for Gospel teams**

Father God, we thank you for gospel teams at SNAC. We thank you for the way you've been encouraging us week by week as we meet together to open your word and pray. We thank you, especially for those who've opened their homes and show hospitality. We thank you for our leaders who work to prepare studies and for the great encouragement of Christian fellowship. We pray that you would continue to encourage and sustain all of us in meeting together during the week to speak the truth in love and share our lives together. Please sustain our leaders and strengthen them for the work of leading others. May we grow in faith, love and good works through all of this, to the glory of Jesus, Amen.

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

Father God, we thank you for the love that you've shown to each one of us who've come to call you Father. We thank you for the gift of your Spirit who has opened our eyes, who has given us new birth into a living hope through Jesus Christ. Just as you first loved us, please renew us in our love for you and our love for one another this week. Help us to make time to read your word and speak to you in prayer each day. Make known to us the sin that continues to deceive us, that we might work against it, throwing off what belongs to the old, and putting on the new, that is Christ. Give us a deep concern for our brothers and sisters in Christ, those who will inherit all things along with us, help us to outdo each other in showing honour. Help us to have a heart for the lost, giving us the courage to invite our friends and family to come and discover the love we have found in Jesus. May all of our lives, both that which can be seen and that which is hidden, glorify you on the day Christ returns to call us home, Amen.