



Suggested Prayers – Sunday 20th of September 2020

1. A Psalm of praise

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

Yahweh is great and is highly praised;
His greatness is unsearchable.
One generation will declare Your works to the next
and will proclaim Your mighty acts.
I will speak of Your splendour and glorious majesty
and Your wonderful works.
They will proclaim the power of Your awe-inspiring acts,
and I will declare Your greatness.
They will give a testimony of Your great goodness
and will joyfully sing of Your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and great in faithful love.

Psalm 145:1–8

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

Heavenly Father, thank you for the many comforts of this country and time we live in. We thank you for our health, safety and security. And yet we know we do still face hardships. Please support and sustain those amongst us currently enduring sickness, loss, and unemployment. And may we all learn to find our health, safety and security above all in Christ our saviour.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

4. 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.

5. A prayer for the Turners and Tanzania

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the ministry of the Turners in Tanzania over the last 11 years. Thank you for the love you've given them for people there, and for their partnership with Bishop George and those at Mara Public School. Please help them as they struggle with having had to leave all these relationships and responsibilities behind; comfort them and help them to keep trusting in your grand purposes through all of this. Give Glen capacity to oversee the school from a distance.

As the Turners turn their minds to visiting their supporting Churches in Australia, give them strength for this task as well. Keep them physically well so that they can visit in person. And may they be an encouragement as they meet with people, such that others will see how you are at work and be excited to be a part of that work themselves. Even as they visit with us at SNAC, we ask that you would be so convicting us of the gospel, and that we would so clearly see the needs of the world, that we would be eager to partner in seeing a world that knows Jesus.

Father, please continue to provide for Bishop George, the Diocese of Mara, and the school through the many uncertainties of this time. And continue to be at work in Tanzania, as you are all over the world, in bringing people to yourself through the proclamation of the gospel.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

6. Glory to God

Now to Him who has power to strengthen us according to the gospel and the proclamation about Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept silent for long ages but now revealed and made known through the prophetic Scriptures, according to the command of the eternal God to advance the obedience of faith among all nations—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ—to Him be the glory forever! Amen.

Romans 16:25–27