



Suggested Prayers – Sunday 27th of September 2020

1. Confession and thanksgiving to God

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have often gone our own way, and rejected your will for our lives.

We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.

For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.

By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you in every way, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Lord, as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is your love towards those who fear you.

As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Praise be to your name! Amen

2. A prayer for the lost in Bexley, Bexley North and Carlton

Lord, we cry out for the lost in our part of the world. You know every single person who lives in Bexley, Bexley North and Carlton and you know the desperate need that so many have for salvation.

We ask that you would be at work in our community to open the eyes of the blind and to soften the hearts of the lost. Please use us as messengers of your Gospel to bring true hope to these people. We ask that hearing the good news about Jesus, many might repent and believe in him.

We also ask that you please use our Life Course and the follow-up after each course to establish many people in their new Christian lives. Give the whole Life Team an ongoing desire to present the gospel clearly and winsomely to those who come along. Please help all of us at SNAC to partner in the work of inviting and bringing friends and praying for your mighty work of transforming lives in Jesus' name.

Please hear our cry for the lost. Amen.

3. A prayer for the end of COVID-19

Heavenly Father, as the coronavirus continues to impact lives around the world we ask for your intervention to end the progress of the virus. It saddens us to watch the news and see many thousands of people impacted daily. Please have mercy on those who are currently unwell because of COVID-19.

We are thankful to you Lord that cases in Australia and particularly in NSW seem to be on the decline. Please continue that trend and enable our society to increasingly open up again.

We especially ask that church life can continue to return to normal so that your people might not be limited in our gatherings but gather as full congregations singing your praises loudly again.

Amen

4. A prayer for our Children's and Youth Ministries

Heavenly Father, thank you for the godly and gifted leaders you have provided to oversee our ministry amongst children. Thank you for Kevin and Brendan in their roles and for all our leaders and leaders in training. In this year of many challenges to ministry we thank you for the way our leaders have been faithful, creative, and energetic in their ministry. Thank you that our Youth have been able to meet on Fridays in person and that our children have been able to meet for Kids Church on Sundays. We are also thankful that SRE at Bexley North and Carlton has been able to resume and that Kids Plus has returned. Through all these ministries, Lord, please raise up a new generation of people who love you and seek to live wholeheartedly for you, proclaiming Jesus, all their days. 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 this past fortnight of hearing about your work through them. As the Turners continue to visit their link Churches please give them strength and encouragement. Please also give them wisdom as they contemplate what comes next for them. And Lord, for Tanzania, we pray that you would grow your church and raise up workers for your harvest there. Amen

6. A Prayer for the week ahead

Lord God, we rejoice in your greatness and power,

your patience and love, your mercy and justice.

Enable us by your Spirit to honour you in our thoughts, words and actions,

and to serve you in every aspect of our lives;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.