



Suggested Prayers - Sunday – 11th of October 2020

1. A Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

You made all things, and you call everyone to account. With shame we confess the sins we have committed against you, in thought, word and deed. We rightly deserve your condemnation.

We turn from our sins and are truly sorry for them; they are a burden we cannot bear. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past. Enable us to serve and please you in newness of life, to your honour and glory,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. A prayer for political leaders and elections around the world

Sovereign Lord,

You have said that there is no authority except which you have established and instituted (Romans 13:1-7). We want to commend over to you all the political leaders of this world as they lead their respective countries. May you continue to give them wisdom and integrity as they make various decisions and pass laws that impact their nations.

We particularly think about the US and New Zealand who are voting for their next president and prime minister over the coming months. By your will, may the leaders who are elected bring you honour and glory. May the citizens of these countries vote with integrity and consider the policies of the various parties involved. Please bring about your will, and may Christians be able to live in peace and quiet (1 Timothy 2:1-4), seeking to make your name known,

We ask these for your glory, through Jesus Christ,

Amen

3. A prayer for CMS missionaries Peter and Terry Blowes

God of our world,

Thank you that the gospel is for all nations, and all people may find forgiveness and salvation in Jesus Christ. Thank you for the many missionaries around the world faithfully proclaiming the gospel, and for the many lives being transformed by your Spirit.

We pray for Peter and Terry Blowes serving in Argentina. Please bring many more people along to the student groups that Peter is involved with, so they can read your word and hear the gospel of Jesus.

For those students who do know you, embolden them by your Spirit and motivate them to persevere in evangelism with their friends, even in this difficult time of lock-down. Help them to continue speaking, praying, and reading your word, and give Peter and Terry the energy to keep supporting, encouraging, and loving them. Keep Peter and Terry safe from the COVID-19 and uphold them in health and safety that they may continue serving You.

In Jesus' name, Amen

4. A prayer for Kids Ministry at SNAC

Heavenly Father,

Thank you that the good news of Jesus can be understood by children and that the kingdom of heaven can belong to them too. Thank you for the kids ministry at SNAC and the important role it plays in teaching and growing our children in the love and knowledge of You.

Father we thank you for Kevin and all our kids' leaders. We pray that, as a new term begins, you would give them wisdom to teach well, humility to teach faithfully and compassion to teach with sincerity. Please give them energy in planning and preparing for the return of Kids Plus as well as looking to the end of year events.

Most of all, by Your word and Spirit, please bring many children to Yourself who do not yet call Jesus their saviour and continue to grow those who do. May they be continually shaped by Your love for them in Christ.

In His name we pray, Amen.