



Suggested Prayers - Sunday – 1 November 2020

1. A prayer of praise

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God, the Almighty,
who was, who is, and who is coming.

Our Lord and God,
You are worthy to receive glory and honour and power,
because You have created all things,
and because of Your will they exist and were created.

We praise you, Heavenly Father, for who you are, as the almighty one, the creator and sustainer of the cosmos, and the one who is redeeming all things to himself. Every good and perfect gift is come from you, and we praise you for your generosity, mercy, and abundant grace. You are good and just; your wisdom is beyond our understanding. You are holy and majestic in all you do.

Great and awe-inspiring are Your works, Lord God, the Almighty;
righteous and true are Your ways, King of the Nations.

May all glory go to You and You alone,

Amen

2. A prayer for the world (Africa, Asia, and the Middle East)

God of Comfort and Father in Heaven,

We pray for the persecuted church – For our brothers and sisters who are suffering because they confess Jesus as Lord and Saviour. We particularly think of parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Please provide justice in the midst of corrupt governments and relief in the midst of loss and pain. May the hope of the gospel provide endurance and lead to rejoicing for the glory to come (1 Peter 4:13). May your grace soften the hard hearts of persecutors and lead them to repentance and faith in Jesus.

Lord, grow us in empathy for the saints who suffer for your name and remind us that as one member of Your body suffers, all the members suffer (1 Corinthians 12:26). May we uphold fellow Christians across the world in prayer and be shaken out of our complacency here in Australia. Move us to live boldly for Christ as we seek to tell others about Him and as we long for His return (Revelation 22:20).

Amen.

3. A prayer for CMS missionaries Peter and Sarah Sholl

Heavenly Father,

We give you great thanks for the work you are doing all over the world, bringing people who are lost in darkness to enter life in the kingdom of your Son. We thank you for the Sholl family and the work you have done through them over the last eleven and a half years. We pray that all their efforts, that have now come to finish with their return to Australia, would continue to have lasting impact on the lives of many people across Latin America.

For this reason, we give thanks for the enthusiastic and capable team left to run MOCLAM in Pete's absence. Please strengthen them to stand firm on the solid rock of Christ and his word, and to proclaim him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom so that everyone under their oversight would be mature on the day Christ returns.

We pray also for the nights coming up where the Sholls will visit us and share with us the work you've been doing through them. May we be mutually encouraged in our faith, and may we particularly be spurred on by their stories to love and serve by proclaiming Christ to the world.

In Jesus name, Amen.

4. A prayer for the Easy English/Cross Cultural Ministry

Heavenly Father,

The St George area is culturally diverse and many lost and do not know You. Please show mercy to these people of various cultures and languages, and may they take an interest in exploring who You are.

Please help our Easy English and cross cultural ministries be an effective means to share the gospel. Please help those serving in these ministries be patient and loving as they teach the Bible. Most of all, please bring many to a saving faith in Jesus' death and resurrection.

We look forward to the day when your Son Jesus returns, and people from every tongue and nation will bow down before you. May Jesus come back soon.

In His name we pray, amen.