**Prayer of Intercession Sunday 25 Sept, 2022**

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| Gracious God, our Lord Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit   |  | | --- | | Lord, you are our only true and gracious God, who has loved us all, from the beginning of time. Lord God, you created the world and you created us, your children, from your divine love, made in your image, perfectly loved by you.  Faithful God, we come before you as your children. We bring our thankfulness, our needs, intercessions, united through your love.  Let us bring them to God. **God hear us and answer the prayers – not necessarily only the ones we are bringing but the ones we should be offering.**  Wherever we are, on the mountain top or in the darkest pits of life, there you are with us Lord. Through Your Word made flesh, Lord Jesus, you walk beside us, reaching out to us, never leaving us, no matter how deep our darkness, Your love is far greater – you are faithful and true. So we give thanks that all is known to You.  We bring our burdens to you, faithful God; in your kindness, **God hear our prayer.**  We pray for all Creation; may all things work together for good. Created from your divine love, we pray your love shines through, the Morning Sun, Living Water, Life giving to all your goodness, that we have destroyed.  We pray for our Church, the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Begun through His sacrifice, His self-less love, Truth, and humility, maintained and promoted by the Holy Spirit, who comforts us and speaks through us, so we may walk humbly with our Lord, in Love, Truth and Mercy. With eyes and ears wide open, and hearts engaging doing Your will.  **Let the church always be faithful**  **God hear our pray**  We hold in the stillness before you the millions suffering from floods, hurricanes, typhoons, earthquakes, bush-fires. Others are dying through drought, crops destroyed, and soil erosion by the triple-dip El Niño and La Niña effect.  We lift up to you Lord, our neighbours in the Pacifica islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Polynesia, Fiji, Tonga, the Solomon Islands, Japan, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean communities, Nigeria**,**Pakistan, Peru, Africa, Sudan, South Sudan, Eritrea, Tigray, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, Siberia, Russia, China, Afghanistan, USA and the land we call home, Australia.  Give strength, and help us provide urgently required medical supplies, food, and shelter for all those made homeless and displaced  God be near them. **God help us to think creatively how to help our brothers and sisters in need**  Holy One, Bringer of Peace, we hear the sounds of a **Russia** perpetrated war in **Ukraine,** inflicting untold trauma on children; and in the Rafah refugee camp in **Palestine,** and as **China**threatens military action in the Pacific; and in **Afghanistan,** where displaced millions live in abject poverty due to decades of war and the oppressive government of the Taliban; and in**Sri Lanka**, where the government is using extreme force against those peacefully protesting over the severe economic crisis there.  Holy One, our burdens and concerns are in danger of overwhelming us when the cost of living, food, fuel, and heating are going through the roof mainly through the machinations of man. We remember all those struggling to survive and longing for peace and being with loved ones again  God be near them. Let your wisdom and compassion flow into those in power. **God hear us and help us to make peace and justice our task.**  **We pray for those**  We pray for our government, for all who work in agencies of control or compassion. For those who work for the reconciling of all nations.  Lord we bring before you, our First Nation people. We join our brothers and sisters in their struggle for reconciliation. Let their voices by heard, truth be told. We are on stolen land, sovereign land. We give thanks for the courage of so many challenging this injustice, often at the cost of their lives.  **God be with them.**  We pray we be kept from hateful desire for vengeance, greed, destructive power, selfish pride. We pray for hope and healing, as we walk together  May we be a nation where your goodness reigns  **God hear our pray**  We pray for our sisters throughout the world when misogyny and sexual violence are seen as acceptable by many. We name in particular all affected in India, Afghanistan, Iran, Alaska (USA), France, and South Africa.  God be near them. **God be near them.**  We pray for all who are living in poverty, homelessness, family violence, substance abuse. For those who have been outcasted by their community, excluded by the harshness of others.  Lord, help us to remember we are all your children, created from your divine love. Help us to welcome, those we have alienated.  **God be near them**  **God hear our pray**  For pray for those who are ill, who suffer with pain, who struggle to find peace, silently crying out for healing. May they find hope, healing and trust in you Lord.  **God be near them**  We pray for the dying  May they know your peace, find light, keep dignity and meet death unafraid, believing in your love  **Have mercy on the dying, Lord**  We pray for those who are grieving, whose tears are not dry. Who look for familiar faces, voices. May they know your peace  We think especially of,,,,,,  **Lord be near them**  We recall your words calling us to be good servants and responsible stewards. You continue to invite us to come and work with you, reminding us of your promise to be always with us.  When children are able to be children **Your joy, God, is at the heart of all things.**  When adults walk together to respect, love, and care for each other and this beautiful but fragile planet:  **Your joy, God, is at the heart of all things.**  We give thanks for the loving and faithful service of so many we take for granted who keep our communities functioning. We think of the grassroot organisation’s: SJA, GoECP, Rural Support Workers, Anglicare, Vinnies, Mission Australia, …. We give thanks for each one of them precious to us and even more precious in your eyes.  When anyone lives a life of service in self-less love: **Your joy, God, is at the heart of all things.**  May we use the resources of your bounteous earth lightly and with thanksgiving, wasting none and sharing with all so we can become the community you created us to be, saved and freed by your beloved Son, Jesus, and empowered daily by your breath of Life – your Holy Spirit.  **Lord, we pray your Love, Truth, Light, and Will is revealed in your world, we work for justice, love our neighbours and all that is created, and walk humbly and in joy with you, our God. AMEN.**  **And we pray as Jesus taught us – Lord’s Prayer…..** | |