

PRAYERS FOR SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray to with confidence to God, who has called us into his service.

Gracious God, as we have been called to be disciples in the Church of God, may we be worthy of our calling as we pray for the leaders of your Church; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Geoffrey, Abp of Adelaide and Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia; Philip, Archbishop of Melbourne, and for Genieve our Bishop. Inspire us to proclaim the good news and bring comfort to the needy, seeking now reward but giving thanks for the grace we have received.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Gracious God, the great Shepherd, look with compassion on the peoples of the world who lack purpose and direction. Have mercy on those who have been scattered by war or persecution and lead them into the secure fold of your love.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Gracious God, bless our prayer and mission partner Open House Christian Involvement Centre in Macleod. May the staff and volunteers show wisdom and compassion, and be a positive influence in the lives of their participants. May we learn how best to collaborate with them to support the vulnerable in our local community.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Gracious God we pray for the spirit of mission, the power to speak of the faith that is in us and to show it in our lives. Open our eyes to see where the harvest is ripe in this community. Bless those who minister to the needy and the homeless, and those who teach in our schools.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for the sick in mind or body, the outcasts from society and those who are in the power of evil. May all who work to heal or reclaim be given compassion and the power which led the disciples to fulfil the command of their Lord as we bring before you those in need in our community;

Kathleen (Kate) Robinson, Alan Tracey and David Nolte;

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May each be healed according to their need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for those whose harvest has been gathered in and now behold their Shepherd in his glory as we remember those who have died as a consequence of the pandemic, those who have died in recent days and those who have died alone and afraid;

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We give thanks that, free from all that can harm them, they have entered the Kingdom of Heaven as we remember with love and affection those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time;

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Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We pray in the name of Christ who has compassion on his wandering sheep.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.