

PRAYERS FOR THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

As faithful disciples, let us pray to our Lord and Master for the Church and for the world.

Gracious God, give to the Church grace fearlessly to proclaim the words of life, 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. Send your strength to overcome our weakness, so that all Christian people shall be valiant for the truth in the face of scorn and indifference.

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

Gracious God, we pray that the word of God shall be heard in the dark places where people have not known the power of redeeming love. Have mercy on the weak and vulnerable who are precious in your sight and save them when they are oppressed.

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

Gracious God, bless our prayer and mission partner the Mission to Seafarer's - Victoria. Inspire staff, volunteers and supporters to give freely of your gifts of wisdom, compassion and understanding to all who need them. May seafarers find a warm welcome, a keen will to help and serve, and in everything a love that honours your holy name.

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

Gracious God give harmony to our families and to all who live and work in this community. Reconcile those who are in dispute and mend the broken relationships, so that human love may be as a light to reveal the love of God.

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

Gracious God, have mercy on those who are persecuted for their faith, give them courage in their trials and grace to be constant in

their service. Pardon and restore those who have been driven by suffering to deny their master.

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

Gracious God, hear our prayers for those in need, in body, mind and spirit, as we name before you:

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

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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 who took up their cross and followed their Master in this life and have now passed to eternal life with him as we remember those who have died as a consequence of the pandemic and those who have died in recent days;

... and those who have died alone and afraid;

May the light of heaven shine upon them as they rise in glory 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**

May Christ our Lord be now and always acknowledged in our prayers.

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.