

PRAYERS FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

For the growth and purity of the Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

Gracious God guide your Church to cherish and cultivate the precious seed of the Kingdom, that all your people may be gathered into one in holiness. Hear our prayers 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. Teach us to recognise the old and the new treasures that have been revealed and entrusted to us, to maintain past integrity and explore new opportunities.

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

Gracious God may all that tends to goodness and love in the world be recognised and developed; give to the rulers of the nations and to all in authority the understanding that there is a greater kingdom than their own, and a richer treasure than their wealth, so that life for all shall be more abundant.

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

Gracious God help us to value more fully the gifts that we have received and to help our families, our friends and neighbours, towards the Kingdom; make us wise in our households, to be faithful to the past and open to the future.

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 have mercy on those suffering from despair and

depression because they have not known the true values that lead to contentment; set free all whose lives are constrained by the errors of the past and those who are afraid of what is new.

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:

Eddie Jager, Tom, Pat Oswald, Caroline Miley, Mary Hoy;

heal each according to their need.

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

Gracious God receive into life the souls who have been brought to the eternal shore in the net of salvation and made members of the Kingdom towards which they strove on earth as we remember those who have died as a consequence of the pandemic and those who have died in recent days;

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and those who have died alone and afraid;

May they find rest, and treasure greater than they have known, 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 offer our prayers in the name of Christ, through whom we are members of the Kingdom.

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.