

PRAYERS FOR FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray with confidence to the Father, Lord of heaven and earth.

Gracious God, bless and strengthen the Church to which the mystery of faith has been revealed, 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. Grant that your Church may speak the words of comfort to all people, to meet their diversity without losing the integrity of truth.

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

Gracious God, come with healing into the discontent of the world, to take away the suspicion that separates people and sets them against each other, teach those who think themselves wise in this world to trust the wisdom of the simple.

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

Gracious God, bless our prayer and mission partner the Anglican Board of Mission as it serves the Church in Australia and partner churches overseas. Inspire its work and its vision that all may come to know your justice, your peace and your love.

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

Gracious God make us gentler and humbler in our dealings with others, give us insight to see the burdens that many in our community are bearing, and generosity to bring relief.

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

Gracious God, have mercy on those who are bowed down under heavy loads, wearied by poverty and hunger, by sickness or by the weight of unresolved sin, bring them to your side, to find comfort and assurance in your love.

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

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heal each according to their need.

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

Gracious God, we pray for the departed who have laid down their burdens and found eternal rest 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;

We give thanks that to them all mysteries have been revealed and the fullness of the divine love made 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, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.

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.