

Intercessions Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Let us pray that the will of God shall be obeyed in the Church and in the world.

Loving God, grant that the members of the Church, knowing the source of all power and enabling true authority, may humbly obey and cheerfully serve in their various callings. 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 Genevieve our Bishop. Keep them and us faithful in work and worship, that God's will may be done.

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

Loving God, look with pity upon the world where stubborn hearts turn away from truth and refuse its challenge. We pray for politicians of all persuasions that they exercise integrity in keeping promises and agreements wherever they are made, between nations or between individuals.

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

Loving God, in a world where truth appears negotiable, keep us faithful in our promises and homes in our dealings. Enable us to turn toward you. Give us grace and courage to spread the word of God to our families, our friends and neighbours and those with whom we work.

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

Loving God, have compassion on all who feel betrayed by those they have trusted. Keep them from resentment and help them to heal their relationships. Come to those who know that they have failed in love and duty, and show them the way to return.

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

Loving God, we hold before you our mission partner the Anglican Overseas Aid. We ask that you bless their work as they create and strengthen partnerships in developing countries. May they be enabled by your Spirit as they work to overcome poverty and injustice and relief in times of disaster. May we also be inspired to become compassionate, involved and responsible global citizens.

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

Loving God, we pray for those who are sick and afflicted by any kind of distress. May they know your healing presence. We uphold Andy Rogers, Anthony Schiavone, Frank Cichello, Pat Oswald, along all those named in our pew bulletin.

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

Loving God, we pray for all the departed who have passed through this world, sometimes in obedience and sometimes in rebellion. We remember with gratitude the life and example of Ruth Bader Ginsburg whose courage and compassion provided an example for all. We recall those whose year's mind falls this week and all who have died as a result of Covid-19... Remembering especially Joseph Pizani and his grieving family, and William Wall and all who grieve for him. With all offences pardoned, may they enter into the joy of the Lord who first called them to his service.

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

We offer these prayers in the name of Christ the Son of God. Loving God, you have promised to hear our prayers. **Grant that what we have asked in faith, may we by your grace receive through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**