

PRAYERS FOR FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

For the spirit of peace in the Church and in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Gracious God give to the Church perfect harmony among all her members, and let her witness never be hindered by the scandal of dissension. 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. As we come together for worship, may our hearts be so filled with love for one another that we shall be as lights to the world.

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

Gracious God bring agreement between nations which are in dispute and distrust; heal the anger of litigation and give a new spirit to those who profit from the disagreements of others.

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

Gracious God if there is tension in our families, with our neighbours or with any we know, give us grace to confess our faults and to seek reconciliation; bring harmony to all in this community who are held apart by anger and resentment.

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

Gracious God bless our prayer and mission partner the Mission to Seafarers – 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 bless and relieve all who have been ruined by litigation or broken by disputes that have turned to bitterness; restore those who suffer inwardly from their refusal to be reconciled; have mercy on all in

prison, granting them acknowledgement of faults and new hope for the future.

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

Gracious God may the sick and the afflicted, the lonely, the homeless, and those who are near to death, receive comfort and hope in the Lord who desires to give them the peace and the assurance of his Kingdom as we name before you:

Anthony Schiavone, Pat Oswald.

Bless all who seek to relieve suffering keep them patient and constant in their work.

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

Gracious God we pray for those who were gathered together in the name of the Lord when they were in this world, and are gathered into the great company of the blessed in heaven 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 the peace they now enjoy rest upon all who are still on their way 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 that our prayers may be accepted in Christ, in whose name we are gathered together.

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.