PRAYERS FOR NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us pray for a gracious response to the love of God in the Church and in the world.

Holy God may the Church ever give glory to you for your grace and the great benefits of your love. 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. Let all Christian people hear your call and respond gladly and without reservation.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Holy God we pray for a world where many reject the true wealth of faithful obedience for the false wealth of material things. Grant that those who control its resources shall be gracious to the needs of all people.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Holy God bless those in this community who care for the poor and helpless, find shelter for the homeless and minister to the sick. Make us more grateful for all that we have received and more willing to share it with others.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Holy 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

Holy God we pray for all who have been hurt by the rejection of their love, whose happy relationships have been broken, or who have been lost by folly and selfishness what they once enjoyed. Comfort the lonely and those who have forgotten their self-respect, and show them that they are loved and accepted for themselves.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

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

Andy Rogers, Anthony Schiavone, Frank Cichello, Pat Oswald;

heal each according to their need.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy God we give thanks for those who have gone from this world to be guests at the great marriage feast of heaven as we remember those who have died as a consequence of the pandemic and those who have died in recent days;

The Rev'd Jo-Anne Wells...

and those who have died alone and afraid;

May they be cleansed from all their sins and clothed with a garment of worthiness that by their own works they could never gain 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 our prayers be accepted in the name of Christ, who calls us to sit at his table and be his guests.

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.