

PRAYERS FOR TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

For peace and harmony in the Church and in the world let us pray to the Lord.

Holy God grant that the Church shall always bear witness to God as supreme, rendering the honour and worship that are his due. 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. May all Christian people show forth their faith by their words and by their deeds.

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

Holy God we pray for justice and honest dealing between nations and between individuals; grant to those in authority the wisdom to know the limits of their power and to demand no more than is right.

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

Holy God bless us, our families, neighbours and friends, with obedience in all things lawful and courage to resist injustice; bless those who manage finances of this community and give them right judgement in all their decisions.

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

Holy God bless our prayer and mission partner the Sorted Youth Community in Bradford. Bless this community as they build relationships with young people and empower them to help form new Christian communities. May participants find friendship and an opportunity to explore faith.

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

Holy God have mercy on all who bear heavy burdens of taxation for the benefit of the few and not for the common good; grant and strengthen those whose Christian allegiance is divided and

uncertain, and keep them in the way of truth.

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:

Dorothy Maher, Connor, 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 the departed who have rendered their duty in this world and gone to their 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;

Give them peace in the realm where nothing can challenge their whole loyalty to their God and Saviour 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 Christ guide us in all our decisions and accept our prayers which we offer in his name.

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.