

## PRAYERS FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

As we prepare for the coming of the Lord, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Holy God grant that the whole Church, as a faithful servant, shall be vigilant to know and diligent to perform the will of her Master. 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. In watching and in penitence, may your people make ready for the coming joy of the Nativity.

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

Holy God guide all in authority, to discern the signs and to act with wisdom and justice; open their minds and direct their wills to look beyond the immediate advantage to the lasting good of all humanity.

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

Holy God at this Advent time give us grace to serve by example and by deeds those who are close to us, our families, friends and neighbours and those with whom we work; as we look towards the season of Christmas, may we remember with humility and gratitude the great love of the Father in sending the Son.

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

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

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

Holy God have mercy on all who are suffering from natural disasters and relieve their distress; come to those who are in darkness and lead them to recognize the signs by which their lives can be guided.

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, Andy Rogers, Anthony Schiavone, Kathleen Robinson.

heal each according to their need.

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

Holy God we pray for those who have known the coming of the Lord at the end of their lives 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 they rest in the peace to which he has called them, and may we be ready for our calling, and receive mercy as we remember with love and affection those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time;

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

We pray in the name of Christ, whose words will never pass away.

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.**