

PRAYERS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

For the spirit of love and service, let us pray to the Lord.

Holy God grant to the Church light to know the will of God and grace to perform it. 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. Make all Christian people true followers of Christ in their lives day by day.

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

Holy God fill the world with the spirit of compassion, that the powerful may use their power to help the weak; break through the barriers that divide people and nations, and draw all together for the common good.

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

Holy God give us deeper compassion, open our eyes to see the presence of Christ in all people; grant us insight to know where we can give help in the needs of friends and neighbours and in all our community, and grace to offer it.

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

Holy God bless our prayer and mission partner Sorted Youth community in Bradford 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 we pray for all who suffer, for the poor and hungry, for the sick and the homeless, for prisoners and those who have

no one to care for them; bring them relief in their misery and strengthen all who as individuals or organisations work for relief.

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, Kathleen Robinson;

heal each according to their need.

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

Holy God have mercy on those who have passed from this world and come to judgement 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;

Grant mercy to us all when we are called to account at the end of our lives 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**

May our prayers be accepted in the name of Christ, our Judge and our Redeemer.

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.