

PRAYERS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Let us pray for the that the gifts of God may be rightly used.

Holy God bless the Church with generosity and care for all. 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. Give grace to your people so to use all that has been entrusted to them that they may bring new hope to many and show forth the glory of God.

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

Holy God bring to a world where dealing is often hard and competitive the spirit of compassion, so that those who gain much may share more generously; give wisdom to the rich to know that all wealth is the gift of God.

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

Holy God help us to value more gratefully the gifts we have been given, to develop and to use them for the good of others; guide with wisdom those who are responsible for the finances of this community.

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

Holy God bless our prayer and mission partner the Mission to Seafarers – Victoria and its work throughout the world. 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 have mercy on the poor who have nothing they can

develop to ease their burden, and guide them to ways where they may find relief; raise up from despair those who know they have not fulfilled what they might have done, and open to them the way they have lost.

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:

Sonya Gillies, David Nolte, Dorothy Maher, Connor, Andy Rogers, Anthony Schiavone, Kathleen Robinson, Pat Oswald;
heal each according to their need.

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

Holy God we pray for those who have completed their task in this world and have entered into the joy of their Master as we remember those who have died as a consequence of the pandemic and those who have died in recent days;

Brian Monteith, Bruce Davies...

and those who have died alone and afraid;

May they rest in the peace promised to his faithful servants 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 as the servants of Christ from whom all good things come.

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.