

## **PRAYERS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

For light to know and to follow the truth, let us pray to the Lord.

Gracious God make the Church a powerful witness to the light that has come into the world. 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. Through the preaching of the word, and through the water of baptism, may God's people be gathered into one body.

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

Gracious God grant that your messengers may be heard throughout the world. Where material wealth and comfort abound in a spiritual wilderness, bring the light which reveals the true joy of living.

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

Gracious God make us messenger of the Gospel in our daily lives and give strength to all in our community who labour to make known the mighty works of God.

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

Gracious God thank-you for the work our prayer and mission partner Open House Macleod. May the staff and volunteers show wisdom and compassion and be a positive influence in the lives of their participants. May we learn how best to collaborate with them to support the vulnerable in our local community.

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

Gracious God have mercy on all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, as we name before you:

David Nolte Dorothy Maher and Anthony Schiavone.

Let the light of hope shine through their darkness and give them comfort in their affliction.

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

Gracious God we give thanks for the departed who were cleansed by the water of baptism and have passed over the great water to eternal life as we remember those who have died as a consequence of the pandemic and those who have died in recent days:

(Pause), Kathleen Burch...

and those who have died alone and afraid.

May they rest in peace as we remember with love and affection those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time:

(Pause)...

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

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

We offer our prayers in the name of Christ, the one Messiah.

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.**