

Prayer of the Church - Sunday 29 November 2020 - Year B

Our Lord Jesus calls us to watch and pray, so let's do that now, responding to *Lord, in your mercy* with **hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank you that your Son came in the flesh as the baby born in Bethlehem, and that he comes to us whenever we gather in his name. Keep us alert and watchful through the dark night of this world, and give us confidence as we wait for his coming in glory.

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

We pray for your church - its people and pastors. Keep us alert and watchful in support of one another, guard us from everything false and untrue, and shine on us with the light of your holy word. *Lord, in your mercy...* **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of the world. Wake all people up to your just judgment and to your saving work. Keep us alert and watchful as your witnesses in the world. *Lord, in your mercy...* **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Lift the eyes of those in authority to their duty to govern wisely and well, for the good of all. Curb all terror and replace it with peace. Keep us alert and watchful as we serve others in our daily vocations. *Lord, in your mercy...* **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for providing us with everything we need for daily living. Bring relief to all those affected by drought, and poverty. Keep us alert and watchful to the needs of others, and move us to give generously to appeals at Christmas time. *Lord, in your mercy...* **hear our prayer.**

Lord, stand by those who wake or watch or weep. Rest those who are weary. Soothe those who suffer. Shield those who prosper. We pray especially for *Rob Eckermann, Amy Harrison, Todd Harrison, Naomi Hoff, Dr Elmore Leske, Pr John Wilksch*, and for those we know in particular need and whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)*
Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for 50 years of marriage to Trevor and Heather Brown, and we ask you to bless them and their whole family in years to come. *Lord, in your mercy...* **hear our prayer.**

Father, we do not know the day or the hour that your Son will come with great power and glory. Keep us always alert and watchful so we may welcome him with joy. For he lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**