

## Prayer of the Church – Dec 5, 2021

Almighty God and Father,

We thank you for the good work you have begun in our lives: for adopting us as your children in holy baptism and pouring out on us your Holy Spirit; for working in our hearts the gift of repentance and faith; we pray for all your people, that as you have begun this good work in us, you will bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ so that we are pure and blameless before you. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for your Church, that the love which you have poured into our hearts by your Spirit, may overflow with knowledge and full insight especially for those in need, so that there will be a harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to your praise and glory. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for the missions of the Church around the world; that by your Spirit you would open doors for the Gospel, and that your word would never be bound by human restrictions. Send out more labourers into the harvest, and lead many more to hear, understand and believe. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Please have mercy on the nations of the world and their leaders, and have mercy on all people living under tyrannically regimes. Bring an end to war and injustice, and provide for those without the basic necessities of life. Bless our own government here in Australia, and our state and territory leaders with wisdom. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Be near to those who are sick and in pain, and those facing recovery from surgery: especially Laryssa Anker, David Hermann, Naomi Hoff, Jill McGregor, and others we name silently to you... *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer***

Thank you for Tracy, Dakota and Chloe, and that they have been able to confess their faith in you and receive prayer and blessing through the rite of confirmation. We rejoice in our sharing of the Gospel of your grace, and we ask that you bless these people in the life of faith. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer***

As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, prepare our hearts this Advent season to receive our Lord again as he comes to us in Word and Sacrament, until that final day when he comes again in glory. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, **Amen.**