

Prayer of the Church, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, 26 July 2020

Heavenly Father, we pray for the church, the body of Christ. May we be yeast in this world, bringing the gospel of your love and grace to the lost and broken.

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

We pray for all who seek the kingdom of God. By your Holy Spirit, lead them to the light of your salvation. Make us ready to give an answer for the hope we have in Christ Jesus, so that we can encourage and support the seekers and new believers, to your glory.

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

Lord, we ask your blessing and guidance for our political leaders. We pray for our state, its premier [insert name] and the leader of the opposition [insert name]. Have mercy on them, and help them lead our people with justice, compassion and wisdom.

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

Father, your son our Lord Jesus, is the saviour of the world, so comfort and protect those who experience hardship, distress, persecution, famine, lack of clothing, danger, or warfare. In the midst of our personal concerns, remind us of the huge needs of others less fortunate than ourselves.

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

God of justice, we are all slaves to sin until we have been set free by your grace. We thank you for your great mercy to us. We pray for criminals, prisoners, and all those who look after them.

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

God, your people cry out in their need. You alone have the power to save them. Please be with the sick and the dying, including [insert names]. Comfort the grieving, especially [insert names], and other we know to be in need and who we now silently name to you...

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Heavenly Father, because of your great love, you work for our good in all things. In mercy, listen to our prayers, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.