

## Prayer of the Church- *Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Year A*

Heavenly Father: thank you for the gift of righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ. Bless your Church, and lead us by your Spirit to count everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

You have made us your own through baptism into Christ: help us to press on in faith and holy living, and to know the power of Christ's resurrection, even as we share in his sufferings. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

You call us to be still before you: as we are so often caught up in the busyness of life, help Christian individuals, couples and families to pray and read your Word together. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

You care for us through elected leaders: bless our Prime Minister Scott Morrison, and all parliamentarians with wisdom and righteousness. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

You rule the nations of the world: may all leaders humbly acknowledge you and turn away from violence and injustice. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

You water the land and make all things grow: relieve the drought stricken areas of our world and care for the affected farming communities. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

You give health and healing: give strength in suffering to Marie Adam, Rob Eckermann, Todd Harrison, Mike Hassold, Katherine Rembowski, Kerry Muller and others we name silently to you... Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son said he will build his church. Please watch over the Martin Luther School restoration project and bless the work being done there. Be also with Karen Pienaar, Paula Heinrich and Matthew Brodde as they prepare to serve in new roles on our Church council. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, you give us confidence in you, a confidence that is based on the righteousness you have given us in Christ. Receive our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**