

## Prayer of the Church Sunday 18 July, 2021

Thank you, Father, for calling us through your Son, our good shepherd, into your flock. Have compassion on your people, purify the teaching of your church, and give us true unity through the blood of Christ. *Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Sanctify Bishop John and District Bishop David as they shepherd your flock in this church. Have compassion on all our pastors. Lead them to drink deeply of your water of life each day, and give them the courage to speak your word truly. *Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Have compassion on our brothers and sisters in other Christian churches at this time. Remove the error that divides us. Direct our discussions and decisions about cooperation, and strengthen our love for one another. *Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

We pray for all who rule and govern, that they may be fair and compassionate shepherds of their people. Have compassion on this land and continue to send rain where it is needed. Prosper all proper work and learning, and bless the teachers and children in our schools. *Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Have mercy on all who are in need, dear Lord, and shepherd them. Bring peace where there is trouble, food where there is hunger, hope where there is despair. And soften our hearts to have compassion and help where we can. *Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Father, support each of us here in our daily lives. Give us strength and skill for our work, love for our families, righteousness in our thinking and doing. *Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Father, please give your comfort and consolation to all those who mourn the death of Myrtle Hage. Let them mourn with hope in the victory of Christ over death and the grave. *Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Have compassion on all who are sick or stressed - heal and restore them, and give them confidence in you. And meet the needs of others we know personally to be in need and whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)* *Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Merciful God, as your Son heard the cries of the people for him to heal them, hear our prayers according to your grace so that your glory may be known throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**