

Prayer of the Church Sunday 28th February 2021 Year B

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to speak to us in your holy word. Bring good fruit to the reading and preaching of your word Sunday by Sunday around the globe. Direct all pastors into the truth of Christ, and unite your people in a true hearing of Christ.

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

You promised to make Abraham the father of many nations and through Sarah and Hagar your promises came to birth. Bring peace to nations and peoples that are divided. Prevent war in countries where there is unrest. Bring an end to oppressive rule and the use of terror. And direct our Prime Minister Scott Morrison and all world leaders into wise and just courses of action.

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

You protected Abraham while he made his home in foreign lands. Protect all who are far from their homes. Watch over our armed forces overseas. And give a new home to those whose home countries are unsafe.

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

You blessed the marriage of Abraham and Sarah into old age. Unite all married couples in loyalty and loving service, and give them the blessing of children. And we pray for those who remain childless against their wishes - have mercy on them and hear their prayers.

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

When the time was right, you took Abraham and Sarah to be with you. Comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones, the especially the families of Jean Cameron, and David Rushton-Smith. Keep the eyes of all who suffer loss fixed on Jesus.

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

Support all who are sick or suffering in any way. We pray especially for Shirley Jones, Evan Koch, and Genevieve Weckert. Meet the needs of all we know to be in want, and whom we now name silently in our hearts (*brief silence*).

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

Heavenly Father, you justified Abraham because he trusted your promise. Grant that all may believe in your Son, Jesus Christ, so that they may not come into judgment, but receive life, forgiveness, and salvation, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.