

Prayer of the Church - Sunday 14th March, 2021 - Year B

Lord God, draw us into Your light. Expose where we, like Your people of old, have thought, spoken and acted against You, that in repentance we may look to Your Son lifted up on the cross for our salvation and be saved from Your righteous wrath. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You led the saints by the straight way of faith in Your Son until they reached Your heavenly city. As we join in their eternal thanksgiving for Your steadfast love and wondrous deeds, we pray that You would faithfully lead us to our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You loved the world by giving Your only Son, to save all believe in Him. We pray that You would bless the work of Your Church and those called to preach Your Gospel especially our church wide Bishop John, and our district bishop, David. By Your Spirit, create and sustain saving faith within us and all who hear Your Word, that we may not be condemned but saved and raised up with Christ to be seated with Him in the heavenly places. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our trespasses and sins. We pray that Your Spirit would be at work within us, that we may not carry out sinful desires, but be Your workmanship in Christ Jesus, doing the good works You have prepared for us to do. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have set Scott Morrison as our Prime Minister, and Stephen Marshall as our premier, to serve in authority for our good. Bless and sustain them and all in positions of authority with all they need to govern wisely and in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are our light and our salvation. Hide in Your shelter Evan Koch. Trudi Verrall and all who suffer in body, mind or soul, including those we name in our hearts. Keep them in their day of trouble from falling into faithless fear, and uphold them with Your peace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give your gifts of joy and peace to Myles and Emily Thiele as they begin their journey of married life. Let them faithfully share in the mystery of Christ's love for his bride, the Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**