

Father, Guide the church into your word, and make us one in faith. Give the bishops of our church your protection and peace as they oversee the pastors and congregations in their care. Bless those who are preparing for baptism and confirmation with the gift of persevering faith. *Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

Thank you that your Son rules the world in righteousness. Give wisdom and integrity to all who govern, especially our Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, our Premier, Stephen Marshall, and the members of our federal and state parliaments. Give mercy and sound judgment to all who administer the law. *Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

Thank you for the gift of mothers. Please give your Spirit of wisdom and encouragement to all women who have little ones in their care. Let all children show a right respect and love for their mothers; and give your comfort to those women who are in grief for the children they have lost, or for the children they have not been able to have. *Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

Thank you for refreshing the earth and renewing it, providing all we need for daily life. Protect us from fire and flood and every natural disaster, and prosper all rightful employment. Send your Spirit of unity and give us joy in our work and family life. *Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

Thank you for the gift of repentance, and for the healing that comes with forgiveness. Bring all who do wrong to change their ways, and take care of those in prison. Watch over all police and prison workers - protect them and guide them in their work. Send your Spirit of unity and move us to remember those our world forgets. *Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

Thank you for gathering and sanctifying us in this congregation. Guide our leaders, committees and programs so that we may do your will. Send your Spirit of unity, and build up our confession and love. *Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

Thank you for healing the sick and having compassion on those who suffer. Give hope to those in despair or grief, and heal those who are sick. Please meet the needs of those we know to be in want: Merv Adam, Kristine Leonard, and those whom we now name silently in our hearts... *Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, through the Spirit of your Son, keep us in your word and forgiving love so we serve you in faithful obedience. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**