

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

We pray for the church throughout the world; for justice and peace between and within nations; for political leaders and all in authority; for the communities in which we live; for people who suffer in any way; and for all those on our minds today.

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

We pray for our parish of St Pauls, asking for your blessing on our clergy and the PCC as they seek your will for our future. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen us all in mission and service to our local community, in whatever way we can each contribute, and we pray that day by day we may draw closer to you.

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

Caring Lord, over the past weeks we have witnessed the devastating effects of climate change as extreme temperatures enable wildfires to take their toll in many countries. We pray for the governments of these countries as they wrestle with preservation of lives, rescue and recovery, the need for shelter, food and water for all those whose livelihoods and homes have been destroyed. We pray for the rescue workers who operate in harsh and dangerous conditions.

Heavenly Father, thank you that you are in control of every single circumstance of life, no matter how difficult, dangerous, or distressing such times may become. Keep our hearts from doubting your word and help us to trust you in all things. Lord in all the storms of life hear us and help us.

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

Loving God we thank you for our young people and pray for them as they learn and grow in their faith. Bless those who lead them and give so much of their time to serve you here in our church and also in our schools. May they find some rest and relaxation during this holiday period.

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

Loving God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus can free us from our burdens and heal our bodies and spirits. We pray for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. We pray too for those suffering from addiction of any kind and ask that you help them to put the temptations of the world behind them.

In a moment of silence, please pray for one person that you know who needs God's help today.

Almighty God, please draw close to all of those mentioned so that they may be aware of your healing presence, and we ask you to provide your peace and comfort for them at this time.

**Merciful father: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
All Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen