

## PRAYERS FOR PALM SUNDAY

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, to the Lord, the King of Glory.

Bountiful God, as the Church rejoices in the triumphal entry of our Lord, grant to us also the spirit of repentance, and sorrow for his suffering, as we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Philip, Archbishop of Melbourne; and Genieve our Bishop. May we at this holy time set forward the message of his salvation and lay our minds and wills before him as an offering of faith.

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

Bountiful God, bring to a world that judges by outward signs of power the wisdom to discern where true power lies in humility and love. Open the eyes of the rulers of the nations, in this time of pandemic, to see the one true King and be ready to serve at his command.

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

Bountiful God, give to us and to all those around us the vision of holiness in the daily scene of work and play. Help us to find in those we too easily take for granted the image of Christ the Lord, and to honour one another as those who seek to follow in his way.

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

Bountiful God, hear our prayers for our mission and prayer partner, Open House Christian Involvement Centre in Macleod, that local Churches and the community would continue partner with them in their work of meeting the needs of vulnerable people in our community, through the provision of friendship, development programmes and general support.

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

Bountiful God, have mercy on the sick and suffering for whom the shadow of the Cross is plainer at this time than the glory of the day and who call out not in triumph but in anguish, as we seek your healing presence for:

Hayley Pace; and all who suffer as a consequence of the pandemic.

Give all relief in their affliction and the hope of new life.

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

Bountiful God, may the voices of those who bore witness to God in this world now be blended with the eternal praise of the angels in heaven, as we remember those who have died in recent days; particularly those who have died as a consequence of the pandemic, and those who have died alone and afraid.

May theirs be the song of triumph over sin and death as we remember with love and affection those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord,

**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

We offer our prayers in the name of Christ who has come to save his people.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**