

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

In the power of the Spirit, let us pray for grace to do the works of faith.

Gracious God, grant to the Church, the gathered people of the gospel, wisdom to know and power to proclaim the good news of the Resurrection, as we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Philip, Archbishop of Melbourne, Rt Rev'd Dr Geoffrey Driver, Abp of Adelaide and Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia; and for Genieve our Bishop. Make her ministers strong in the name of Christ.

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

Gracious God, we pray for a world where many wish to believe but are held back by doubt particularly in the face of pandemic. Open the way to freedom that is in Christ, that his peace may prevail among the nations and in the hearts of all people

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

Gracious God, bless our prayer and partner in mission, Sorted Youth Church in Bradford, as they build relationships with young people and empower them to help form new Christian communities. May participants find friendship and an opportunity to explore faith.

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

Gracious God, grant to us, our families, friends and neighbours, the grace of the Resurrection. Break through the closed doors of our fear and doubt and give us the faith that needs no sign but the knowledge of divine love present among us.

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

Gracious God, have mercy on all who suffer persecution for their

faith, who must meet in secret and cannot worship openly. Give them strength in their need, light to those who oppress them, so that all who trust in the Resurrection may be free to share their joy.

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

Gracious God, bless those who bring aid to the infirm in our community. May they be an example for others to follow in the paths of mercy, as we seek your healing presence for;

Alan Tracey, Mary Jones and Merv Pizzey.

Heal each according to their need.

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

Gracious God, we pray for the departed who trusted their Lord in this world and now see him in the fullness of his glory, 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 their sins be forgiven and may we who now follow in faith share with them the promised blessing, 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 pray in the name of Christ by whose wound we are healed.

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.**