

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

Let us pray in faith to God for the Church and for the world.

Gracious God, grant that the Church may always follow in the way of Christ, proclaim his truth and live his risen life. We pray for the church throughout the world in her many different forms as we pray for the leaders of your Church; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Philip, Archbishop of Melbourne, Geoffrey, Abp of Adelaide and Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia; and for Genieve our Bishop. Keep Christian people in knowledge and service of the Father, that his will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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

Gracious God, as the disciples were led to understand and taught to seek you in prayer, so may those who are counted wise in the world, learn where true wisdom is to be found, particularly those leaders making decisions as a consequence of the pandemic. Teach those in positions of authority to know that all earthly power is given from above.

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

Gracious God, thank-you for the work of Open House. May the staff and volunteers show wisdom and compassion, and be a positive influence in the lives of their participants. May we learn how best to collaborate with them to support the vulnerable in our local community.

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

Gracious God, when our hearts are troubled, bless us with faith to offer strength and assurance in our homes and in our work. Bless those in this community who help by teaching or example to bring people to know God and to walk in his ways.

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

Gracious God, hear the prayers of those who cry out for relief in their afflictions, in sickness, poverty, loneliness, uncertainty; grant them assurance that Christ, who has gone before them through suffering to glory, is near to them and will bring them home.

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;

Elizabeth Appleby, Alan Tracey and Merv Pizzey.

Heal each according to their need.

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

Gracious God, we pray for the departed who have come to the place which Christ has prepared for them, where they shall be with him for ever; particularly those who have died as a consequence of the pandemic, and those who have died alone and afraid.

We pray that we may so follow him in this world that we too shall be gathered into the Father's house, as we remember 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 the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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.**