

PRAYERS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Let us pray in confidence to the Father who has sent us the Spirit to be our Advocate.

Gracious God, grant that the Church, guided by the Spirit of Truth may keep and declare the commandments of God 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. May we so live in the divine love that the Spirit will live in us and be our guide.

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

Gracious God, Lord of the world, where by many Christ is not seen and the Spirit is not known, do not leave your children as orphans without hope. Bless those who have rule over others, and lead them into the way of truth, that the nations may be healed and your praise declared to the ends of the earth.

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

Gracious God, friend of seafarers, bless our prayer and mission partner, the Mission to Seafarers and its work throughout the world. Inspire staff, volunteers and supporters to give freely of your gifts of wisdom, compassion and understanding to all who need them. May seafarers find a warm welcome, a keen will to help and serve, and in everything a love that honours your holy name.

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

Gracious God, with the eyes of faith, may we see Christ in our families, our friends and neighbours and all we meet. Help us to live as he has commanded, to know his love, and to be the channels of the Spirit in our community.

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

Gracious God, we pray for those who have no comfort, for the lonely and all who feel themselves to be without a guide, have pity on children who are orphans, all who are neglected and abused, and give them the protecting love that will bring them new lives.

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;

Pat Oswald, Elizabeth Appleby, Alan Tracey, Merv Pizzey and Frank Cichello.

Heal each according to their need.

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

Gracious God, we pray for those who have sought to live by the truth in this world and now are brought to truth in its fullness as we remember those who have died as a consequence of the pandemic, those who have died in recent days and those who have died alone and afraid.

We rejoice with them that they abide for ever with God, to be his children in the light of heaven, 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.