

Prayer of the Church - *All Saints, Sunday 1st November, Year A*

Lord God, Heavenly Father: we thank you for your great love, that we should be called children of God. We thank you that through the shed blood of your Lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have washed us and made us your holy people. As you have loved us, help us to love one another. As you have made us holy, help us to live holy lives.

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

Thank you for the communion of saints here on earth: for pastors, teachers, and all the holy people of God in each of our lives, who have helped and encouraged us on our Christian journey. May your Church always proclaim your saving Word to the world, so that many more sinners are made saints, and welcomed as your beloved children.

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

Bless, as you have promised, those who are persecuted for Jesus' sake. Crown their faithful endurance with his triumphant victory over sin and death; and clothe them with the robes of righteousness.

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

As you are gathering a people from every tongue, tribe, nation and language, so bless the peoples of the earth and give wisdom to the leaders of the nations. Grant peace and justice in our world, and be especially with our political leaders here in Australia.

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

We pray especially today for those in need: Laryssa Anker, Elaine Bourne, Rob Eckermann, Amy Harrison, Todd Harrison, Janice Steinbournier, John Wilksch, and others we name silently to you...

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

Mighty and eternal God, bring us to that day when every tear shall be wiped from our eyes and we shall hunger and thirst no more. Until the dawn of that eternal day, guard and protect us through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**