

Prayer of the Church - Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 7 February, 2021 - Year B

Almighty God and Father,

We thank you for your goodness to your whole creation - that you feed the birds, clothe the flowers of the field, and care for each and every one of us. Help us, by your Spirit, not to worry and be anxious, but to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. *Lord in your mercy...*

Please continue to nourish your Church through your Holy Word and Sacraments. Be with all those who preach and teach your Word, and send out more laborer's into the harvest. May the seed of your Word find good soil, grow and bear fruit even one hundredfold. *Lord in your mercy...*

We pray for this land of Australia. Thank you for the prosperity we enjoy and the blessings you have given to the people of this land. Bless our leaders as they steward the resources of this country. As our material goods have multiplied in Australia, help us as a nation to remember you, and acknowledge you as the giver of all good things. *Lord in your mercy...*

We pray especially for farmers and all those who work in agriculture, and other industries which enable us to enjoy the produce of the earth. Be especially with those in times of drought and provide rain where it is most needed. Help those recovering from bushfires in our land, and protect us from further disasters. *Lord in your mercy...*

Continue to give us productive work whether paid, volunteer, or in the home, and bless all people in their proper vocations. Be with those who are unemployed and looking for work. Protect those who travel and whose work is difficult and dangerous. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for those in particular need who are sick, or recovering – especially this day for ..., ..., and others we name silently to you... *Lord in your mercy...*

Lord God, unless you care for us and give us what we need, all our work is in vain. Keep our hearts and minds set firmly on your word, so that we may always trust in you, and be generous with the gifts you have given us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**