

Prayer of the Church – Sunday 14 November, 2021 - Second Last Sunday of Church Year

We have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way he opened for us through the curtain. Let us approach God with a true heart in full assurance of faith, and pray for the church, the world, and those in need.

Heavenly Father: thank you for giving us your Son, who is the Resurrection and the Life. Please keep us free from the deceptions of this world, and from looking to earthly peace and prosperity for our whole security and future. Keep us alert in faith so that, when trouble comes, we may not be afraid, but full of patient confidence in you. *Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Keep your holy church alert to false teachers and idolatrous worship, and expose error so that your people may not be led astray. Give your gifts of sound judgement and strength to our Bishop, John, and our district bishop, David. Bless our Aboriginal brothers and sisters, and keep their pastors and community leaders alert through all the challenges they face. *Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Protect all who are terrorised or oppressed, and bring peace to troubled nations and families. Keep our Prime Minister Scott Morrison, our Premier Stephen Marshall, and all in authority alert to their responsibilities, and give them insight into the true needs of our community. *Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Thank you for generously blessing this land. Continue to protect us from every adversity. Turn our nation to you in thanksgiving, and give all people the gift of repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name. *Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Bless us in our daily calling, dear Father, and bless those with whom we spend our day. Keep us alert to give good service in our jobs, and let your light shine through us so that people will see our good works and give glory to you. *Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Please give your blessing to Geoff Mutton as he celebrates his 80th birthday. Continue to sustain him in faith, and grow him in Christian maturity and love. *Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Give grace to all those who are coming to the end of their earthly pilgrimage, so that they entrust themselves into the hands of him who conquered death. Sustain those who tend the sick and the dying. And meet the needs of Laryssa Anker, Wilma Hardy, Dave Hermann, Jill McGregor, and those we know personally to be in want and who we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)* *Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Loving Father, we await the revelation of your Son in glory. Hear our prayers, O Lord, and answer them according to your grace and mercy. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**