

Prayers for our World and the Church

3rd November 2024

Psalm 50:14-15

*Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,
and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”*

Thanks to God

O Lord, we have gathered today to bring our sacrifice of praise, taking heed of the Word in this Psalm as well as the encouragement of the writer to the Hebrews, giving thanks for the gift of our salvation which Jesus won for us in the Cross and the Resurrection. We thank You that we can openly confess His Name and celebrate the Supper today.

The Wide World... and the Wider Church

However, we pray for those members of the Body of Christ in other places who suffer most grievously at the hands of persecutors. We ask that they be granted courage to persevere and peace in their hearts so they may love even their enemies. We pray for Godly ministries of groups such as Barnabas Aid, Samaritans Purse and others who bring both physical aid and spiritual comfort to those in need.

We continue to pray that the Prince of Peace would bring the peace we long for. We uphold the work of churches in eastern Europe, Hungary and Romania where Lazlo and Eva Mihalyi work. We ask for strength and perseverance for those who remain in the field while Lazlo and Eva are here in Australia. We thank You for the extensive aid that those churches are giving to refugees from the fighting in the Ukraine. We also give You thanks for Tiffany and the safe arrival of her baby boy (*name?*) and we continue to pray for Lazlo to recover fully from his eye surgery, so that they may return to their work in Hungary.

We again pray for our nation, our State and our communities to turn back to You. We look forward to the Carols on the Lawn as a part of our public witness to the Risen Lord we serve. We pray for as many as we can fit onto the lawn to come and hear the Good News of Great Joy, the coming of our Saviour as a babe, the reason for the holiday season.

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As well as our public witness, we pray for ourselves as we seek to demonstrate Your grace through the daily routines and normal activities of our lives. We pray for opportunities to bless others as we meet them at work, in study, or mixing with friends and neighbours. We thank You for Your Word which calls us to take courage, and to know that Your face shines upon us even when our human weaknesses try to bring us down to despair. Help us we pray to look up to You and remember the great salvation You have provided in Jesus.

And we pray for our diligent attention to Your Word, so that the world may know that only Jesus saves!

In His Precious Name we pray, Amen.

Our Father, Who is in heaven,
hallowed be Your name;
Your kingdom come;
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those that trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

We WILL remember them.

Lest We Forget