

Loving God, hear our prayers for your world and your church; hear us when we cry to you, be gracious and answer us.

We pray for the peoples of the world:
for those in places of war and unrest;
for those who suffer from famine or disease;
for those whose lands have been stolen and
cultures destroyed;
for all with responsibility of government.

Draw us to the radiance of your light, that we may set aside cruelty, aggression and exploitation to find just and peaceable ways to live together on this earth.

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our own land of Australia:
for its beaches and reefs, rainforests and
mountains, wilderness and desert;
for its unique and marvellous ecology;
for its peoples here since the ancient dreamings;
for its peoples who have come here in recent times.

Draw us to the radiance of your light, that we may set aside prejudice, bitterness and greed to care for one another and the treasures you entrust to us.

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your church:
for those of all traditions who are baptised in the
name of Christ;
for all who search for you and long to know you;
for the National Council of Churches;
for the clergy and people of this parish.

Draw us into the radiance of your light, that we may set aside division and discord and with common purpose proclaim your gospel in the world.

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in need:
for the lonely and broken-hearted;
for those abandoned or without hope
for the future;
for the sick and those close to death;
for all who bring love and care to those
who suffer.

Within our Parish we pray for: READ Weekly Prayer sheet

Draw them to the radiance of your light, that they
may find strength in their labour, comfort in their
distress, hope in their despair and, at their life's end,
peace.

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We give you thanks for your faithful people of every age:
for Andrew, Peter, James and John and for your disciples in
every generation who have heard your call, left all and followed you.
May we, like them, be drawn to the radiance of your light and,
with all your saints, come to see your face
in your heavenly dwelling.
Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers together as we pray:

Almighty God,
God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And then place the folder ON THE ALTAR.