

Prayer 18 July

IN RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE:

Our loving Father there is much in this world that we don't understand. And yet we have been helped today to see that the world is in a mess because humanity has turned its back on you. We have seen that this had a profound impact on the world. We thank you Father that you do have a grand plan to reverse this – to usher in a new creation where evil and its impact will be no more. We thank you for that! We long for that day! We pray hasten that day please Lord. In the mean time we know there is more opportunity for people who currently have their back turned to you, to come know you. So Father, please cause that to happen, again and again and again. May people stop their rebellion and come into relationship with you – that you might have mercy on them and reconcile them to yourself. And Father when sad things happen to us or those we love which we cannot comprehend and find difficult to wrestle with, help us to turn to you and trust you even though the way is hard, for we ask these things in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

COVID-19

Loving Lord, we are increasingly concerned at the escalation of COVID in Sydney and now in regional NSW. We realise how fortunate we are in the west and thank you that even though we are experiencing restrictions, we are able to continue meeting for church and do many other things. Hear our prayer for NSW. Please limit the spread. Please help leaders to get this current wave under control. We pray for families grieving those who have died in this outbreak that you would comfort them and for those who are still very sick, please protect and heal them. Give us all grace and patience in this uncertainty of these times, for we ask it in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

Gracious God, hear our prayer for the 'ministry is for everyone' conference at the end of July. We pray that it may be a great day of fellowship together with people from across the diocese. Inspire with your wisdom and insight all those who are preparing to lead the seminars that these sessions will be informative and practical. May we return home ready to serve you in our local church and be a blessing and encouragement to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEOPLE IN NEED

We also bring before you Lord, those of our own parish who are finding things hard at present, particularly remembering before you _____.

Please meet them according to their need. Comfort the grieving; strengthen the weak; refresh the weary; heal the sick, calm the anxious and lift the spirits of those who are depressed. In all their troubles, may they never doubt your care and know that you are present with them even through the darkest hours; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**