

Prayer 01 August

IN RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE:

Gracious God, thank you for your grace to us such that we have received every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms! Thank you, that like Israel, we know your presence, we have been rescued, we have been joined to you through Christ; that you provide for our spiritual sustenance, and are accompanied by Christ through the indwelling of His Spirit. For all these blessings, we praise and thank you. Please help us never to set our hearts on evil, but to use all the means you have given us knowing that we will not be tempted beyond that which we can bear and that you will always provide us with a way out. Help us to flee temptation, and run to Jesus, for we ask it in his name. **Amen.**

COVID

Loving heavenly Father, our hearts are heavy again today as know Sydney faces a further 4 weeks of lockdown. For many of us, this means we are unable to see family or dear friends, when we feel we need that blessing most of all. Please help those we know and love in the greater Sydney area to be patient; to find ways to persevere through their lockdown, and to draw strength from you for all the challenges. We pray for those among us here, whose plans have been disrupted and contact restricted. Please give us patience and help us not to lose heart or hope. Loving Lord, please intervene to protect the most vulnerable, to heal the infected, to give comfort to the dying, to give wisdom to our leaders and most of all to put an end to the ravages of this virus. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OUR WORLD

Sovereign God, hear our prayer for our world. We are so aware of nations in turmoil; of political upheaval, military rule, war, oppression, uncertainty, and famine. We also know that so many places around the world have been severely impacted by natural disaster in these past weeks. Have mercy on our world we pray. Please set a limit on evil and turn the hearts of oppressive rulers to Jesus the Prince of Peace. Please be a rock to those whose lives have been washed away by typhoon and flood and strengthen those working to restore human dignity to those impacted. Above all we ask that you would cause the good news of Jesus to be proclaimed with boldness, so that no matter what circumstances people find themselves in, they might avail themselves of the new life in Christ we are blessed to know. All this we ask in Jesus' name and for his glory. **Amen.**

FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE YOU ARE STRUGGLING

And now we pray for those in our family and church family who particularly need our prayer. We name in our hearts to you today; _____. Please bless and strengthen them no matter their particular need. May they know that you will never leave them or forsake them. Give them grace to keep trusting you and through this time of trial, may their relationship with you be deepened and strengthened, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**