

Prayer 08 August

IN RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE:

Our gracious Heavenly Father, thank you that men and women are gloriously and wonderfully different. Help us to celebrate those differences. We also thank you that men and women are wonderfully interdependent – that you have so created us that we wonderfully need each other. Help us please to celebrate that interdependence. And we thank you that both men and women were praying and prophesying. Help us to celebrate all that men and women – as uniquely different - bring to the life of our church. We thank you that there is an order in relationships, and just as our head, Christ, has loved us and served us sacrificially by laying down his life for us; may all husbands love and serve their wives sacrificially, by laying down their lives in their service. All these things we ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

MINISTRY IS FOR EVERYONE CONFERENCE

Sovereign Lord, although we were not able to meet in person for this conference, we thank you for the technology which allowed us to meet online. Thank you for Kevin Simington's keynote address, challenging us that the work of ministry is for *all* believers. Help us please to capture a vision of a church where all are aware of our gifts and our call to serve you and each other. Please bless the remaining weeks of the conference as the seminars are offered, that they will all be practical and inspiring. Lord, build up your church across our Diocese we pray, for the glory of your name. **Amen.**

THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

Loving Lord, we know that the greatest need across the world and across central and western NSW is for more and more people to hear the good news of Jesus and to repent and believe the gospel. Have mercy on our world and our region. Please raise up more gospel workers for your harvest field who can share with people the love, mercy, and the gracious invitation of Jesus to come to him and find life. Please strengthen us your people to speak more boldly of Jesus. And please turn many hearts to you. We are bold to ask you to send revival among us where many people turn to you in love and trust. All this we ask in Jesus' name and for his glory. **Amen.**

FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE YOU ARE STRUGGLING

Dear Heavenly Father, hear our prayer today for all who are particularly struggling in these challenging days. For those we know and love in lockdown, please give them patience to bear with the restrictions. For many of us cut off from family and friends, help us to persevere. For those feeling anxious and lonely, please assure them of your presence and grant them your peace. Please help us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and to be people of prayer and hope. Help us not to lose heart, but to continue to love and care for each other as we are able. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**