

## Prayers 12 August

### In response to the message

Our Father, everything done for the building up of your church, and everything done in order: may that indeed be the case in our churches. Father, may people know their gifts, and use those for the common good – the good of building up your church. May there be no one trying to big-note themselves with their gifts, but rather, everyone following the most excellent way of love. We pray that everything possible might be done in our churches so that they are being built up. And may everything be done with careful thought and due preparation, so that everything is in order. May our churches be SO built up **spiritually** that we might we grow **numerically**; by your grace and for your glory, for we ask it in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### COVID-19

Gracious Lord, our hearts sink as the daily COVID numbers are released. We feel the burden of lockdown; the grief of all that we can no longer do and we are sometimes crippled by the uncertainty of when restrictions might be eased. And yet, we are so thankful that lives are being saved by both the lockdown and by the vaccines. Lord as vaccine rates increase, we pray that as indicated, we may be permitted greater ease of movement; that regional and state borders may be open and that we might be soon reunited with our families. Give us patience in the meantime. Finally Lord, we long to meet together again as church and pray for wisdom for our diocesan leaders as they respond to public health orders. We commit all this to you, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### Myanmar

Sovereign Lord, hear our prayer for the people of Myanmar who have suffered terribly due to the military coup; suffered again due the impact of COVID-19 and are now suffering yet still more due to an emerging civil war. We hardly know how to pray. Please have mercy on that nation. Please intervene for the sake of its people to bring lasting peace and stable government. We pray for Christians in that nation, that you would enable them to keep trusting you and to be a witness to the hope they have in Christ. All this we ask in Jesus' name, **Amen.**

### One another

We pray for one another in these strange and unusual times. Please help us Lord to trust you. May we know your all-sufficient grace. Help us not to wallow in self-pity. Save us from a downward spiral in our spirits. Help us to be people of prayer and your Word so that we might walk closely with you. May we run to your as our refuge and strength and very present help. May this time actually result in us growing stronger and clearer in our relationship with you. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**