

## Prayers of the People – 20 October 2024

Bidding: We ask this through Christ, our great high priest.

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O God, you set the earth on its foundations and the heavens reflect your glory, yet you come among us in the form of a servant. Hear the prayers we offer.

We give you thanks that you come to us in weakness, born into an oppressed race.

We pray for the peoples of the world:

for those crushed by daily hardship or broken by political oppression,  
for those suffering from famine, disease, or natural disaster,  
and for those caught up in war in the land of your birth.

Help us to set aside arrogance and self-importance, and to those who govern and give wisdom, integrity and a determination to seek the common good.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that you come to us in obedience and humility.

We pray for your holy, catholic church:

for actions of care for the hungry and homeless, the powerless and demeaned,

for proclamation of your gospel of love,  
and for our work of reform and redress following the Royal Commission's work.

Help us to set aside trappings of pomp and power and enable us to fulfil our mission to bring your good news to the world.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that you come to us teaching us ways of forgiveness and love.

We pray for the community in which we live:

for our families and all whom we love,

for those with whom we share our daily lives, for the people of this city. Help us to set aside selfishness and greed and all that destroys community; stir in us a need for each other and a commitment to the welfare of all.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that you come to us experiencing all the pains of human life.

We pray for all in need of your tender consolation:

for those stripped of dignity and self-respect,  
for those whose labour is exploited or taken for granted,  
for those sick in heart or mind or body.

Help us to set aside self-interest and pride and to give and receive care that is needed.

We ask this through Christ, our great high priest.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that you gave your life, that we might inherit eternal life.

We remember all who have died in the faith, and all whom we have loved.

Help us to set aside all that prevents us from serving you, that we, with all your saints, may come to the place you prepare for us, and eat with you at the heavenly banquet.

We ask this through Christ, our great high priest.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Amen.

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