

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES.

Gracious God,
Because we are not strong enough to pray as we should,
you provide Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit to intercede for us in power.
In this confidence we ask you to accept our prayers.

We pray for the church, that we may proclaim the salvation to all,
strengthen those whom you choose today, that they may faithfully endure all trials by
which you conform your church to the cross of Christ.

Response:
God of Mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for creation. You are the creator of all, and you entrusted the earth to the
human race. Yet we sometimes lie, we cheat, and we disturb its peace with
violence, and corrupt its purity with our greed. Prevent your people from ravaging
creation, that future generations may inherit lands teeming with natural life.

Response:
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the world. For both the great history of nations and the humble life of
villages in your care. Preserve the people of every nation from tyrants, heal them of
disease, and protect them in time of upheaval and disaster,
that all may enter the kingdom that can never be shaken.

Response:
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for peace,
You created humanity for salvation and peace, not destruction, and sent your Son to
guide us in the way of justice and peace. Enable people of every race and nation to
accept each other as sisters and brothers, your children, on whom you lavish honour
and favour.

Response:
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who govern us, and have legal authority over our state and its
people. We pray for our Prime Minister and Premiers of the states and territories,
that they may govern with honesty, wisdom and integrity. Deliver them from vain
ambition so that they may rule in truth and fairness.

Response:
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all families and those who live alone.

Lead children to honour parents with compassion and forgiveness and parents to embrace their children with kindness and love.

May all people discover your potential care, by the respect and love given them by others.

Response:

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer any sorrow or trial. Compassionate God, your Son gives rest to those who grieve, comfort the anxious, stand with all victims of abuse and crime.

Awaken those who damage themselves and others through drug or alcohol abuse so they turn anew to you and find peace and wholeness.

Fill all people with your Holy Spirit that they may bear each other's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Response:

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Fulfil your promise that all things will work together for good for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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