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## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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CELEBRANT: On the way to Emmaus Jesus unlocked the scriptures for the two disciples, then revealed himself in breaking of bread. As we long to be fed again from the tables of word and sacrament, let us pray for a world hungry for good news.

LEADER:

We pray for all who bring us hope and love and joy in this time of global upheaval. May they lift our spirits and call us together in solidarity.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who profess faith in Jesus Christ. May the coronavirus pandemic bear fruit in new ways of being church together.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for our political, economic and social leaders as they discern the road to recovery. May they help us imagine and work for a new society of justice, compassion and peace.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

R. Loving God, hear our prayer

On this Anzac Day weekend, we pray for our Deceased Service Men and Women, for those in Military Service and for Peace in our Families and World.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

R. Loving God, hear our prayer

We pray for parents struggling with home schooling and for teachers. May they find resources they need to meet these new challenges.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for those whose mental health is under serious threat from confinement and social isolation. May they find the resources they need to keep their peace of mind.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the residents of aged care facilities. May they be well cared for as they suffer the pain of separation from loved ones.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for communities around the nation devastated by the summer bushfires. May their struggle to recover continue to receive the support they deserve.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the recently deceased, especially those who have died from the coronavirus, and the four Police Officers who died in the line of duty and we pray for their loved ones, and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they join the risen Lord and all the saints in the glory of eternal life.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Loving God, hear us

R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT: Life-giving God, in the resurrection of your Son you have brought a new world to birth. Make us wholly new in your Spirit. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.