

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, it is the Lord who keeps faith for ever. As we give witness to the values of the source of all life, we turn to God in trust.

Reader: For Pope Francis and the universal Church.
May we build the Reign of God alongside migrants, refugees, and all who are on the peripheries of our world. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For our government and civil leaders.
May they prioritise care and compassion for those who seek a welcome in our land, release those who are unjustly imprisoned and create a society of inclusion and equality. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have migrated to Australia, and their families.
May they not be despised or ignored, but appreciated for their gifts and invited to share their lives and experiences. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have come to Australia seeking asylum or safety.
May they be treated with gentleness, supported to heal from their trauma, and embraced in their rich diversity. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For our local communities.
May we demonstrate Gospel values as we overturn injustices and lift up those who are bowed down. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have died, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May those who have fought the good fight enter the joy of eternal life, revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, your son Jesus was rich but became poor, making us rich out of his poverty. Inspire us to share our riches with our neighbours and find healing and strength in our encounters. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.