

## PRAYERS FOR EVERY DAY

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Lord of tomorrow, Lord of today, in our joys and sorrows hear us as we pray.

Walk with us, talk with us,

hear what we say, share with us,

care with us, lead us each day.

Give with us, live with us, as no one else could, as Christ's body was broken - for us he shed his blood.

Teach us, reach us as we offer our care, lift us and gift us the ways we can share.

Show us and go with us as we give to each other the power of your love as sisters and brothers.

And your grace beyond understanding each day, as we search for Dear Lord of Presence. We give thanks for the first few steps into a new year of both joyful and sad times which come to all of us.

Help us to use our never ending gifts to appreciate and share the joys and we ask for the strength to ease the journey in life with those who are treading a difficult road.

We specially remember the hungry and homeless, the sad and the sick and the grieving of those who miss their special people who are no longer here to share each day.

Oh merciful Lord, we see and hear of our troubled world. Help all leaders and power brokers to use their power to change the turmoil into a situation of togetherness, living and acceptance of diversity with tolerance.

We approach the season of Lent- our thoughts dwelling on the cross, crucifixion and resurrection.

We pray that we may see these as leading us to deeper faith and stronger unity in service to Christ in whose name we humbly pray. Amen

Dear Lord of Presence we give thanks for each day as it comes. We gratefully acknowledge the beginning of a new year, with its joyful and challenging times. We ask for coping skills to strengthen us in difficult times and we are grateful for the shared joys.

Each of us has different skills which we can share, so we pray that we can utilise these skills to help others; to help the homeless and hungry, comfort the bereaved and broken, encourage the lost and lonely, ease the pains of the sick and sad. Give us insight to find the right words to cover all our concerns for our Church Family and our brothers and sisters in faraway places.

O Lord, accept our few words and actions as tokens of our faith. Accept us just as we are and wherever we are to be a strengthening power to others in our daily living and giving, knowing we are never alone but surrounded by your Presence.

We offer our prayer in the name of Christ. Amen

Lord of presence, be with us when we tread the highways of our life, especially when we need support. We give thanks for sharing when we are rejoicing in remembering high spots or in anticipation of a special day.

Give us sensitivity to realize that there are others sharing the path with us and guide us to be companions on the road, to be able to ease others over the difficult spots.

Our church family has many of our friends coping with illness, deterioration in physical ability.

Heal their spirits that we may all go on walking together, even at a slower pace, but confident that we are never alone.

Take us just as we are into the future highways ready to cope with the highs and lows as we walk together in a uniting ministry by Journeying Over Years in the JOY of serving Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

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Dear Lord of our yesterdays, today and our future times -

We acknowledge your presence in our highs and lows, as we rejoice in our special days and as we are strengthened through the challenges of difficult times.

Gracious God in our loving family at Burwood Heights we have several friends who are travelling on very steep roads. Heal their spirits as they cope with health issues and difficult relationships.

Give us sensitivity to reach out and make their daily steps easier, putting our own concerns on the back burner but ensuring that we don't smother them with unnecessary clichés thus robbing them of the ability to make their own decisions.

Give us strength and determination to extend our caring touch to our brothers and sisters far and wide. Only if we share do we really care.

Each act of giving and sharing we offer as a service to Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Dear Lord, we give thanks for bringing us to this point in our lives. We have dealt with the seesaw of life in the knowledge that we are never alone.

Give each one of us the caring spirit to help lift those in need and achieve a balance with the knowledge that You are the core of our seesaw. On the high side of the seesaw we have the opportunity of sharing faith, fellowship, family, fun and friendships. When our seesaw dips we pray for strength and resilience to lift ourselves out of the downslide to a balanced and manageable life with Your guidance at our side.

Healing God, we seek a blessing for the members of our Church family, who are on a wavering seesaw, not sure how they can recover from illness, are awaiting test results or are grieving or lonely.

Hear us, walk with us, talk with us and show us the way to serve Christ each day. Amen

Dear Lord of all seasons, we acknowledge the special moments in our lives, whether sharing in gratitude or grief.

We give thanks for the strength and growth of faith which we gain from the special services, through Advent to Pentecost, and also from our regular worship. Here we are, a family of different statures, beliefs, cultures, colours, language and age, but still joined as a community in serving Christ.

We ask for a blessing of the many who act out their faith as "behind the scenes" members, visiting, offering household help, providing transport, cooking a meal, praying or helping in financial matters.

Gracious God, we see ourselves as ordinary people, sometimes without recognising the ingot of gold within ourselves, which contains many strengths and gifts. We tend to say, "Oh I can't do that, I haven't the skill or knowledge". But with your guidance many things become possible. Help us to be generous where there is a need for help and the courage to act with the golden touch.

Loving God, let us all use our gold-digging skills which enable us to confidently say, "I can help" rather than, "I can't".

We offer our gift of gold in the service of Christ.        Amen

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Generous God, we give thanks for another new day in which we have an opportunity, in our living and giving, to stretch beyond our comfort zone to walk beside our brothers and sisters in their highs and lows.

Pentecost has arrived. Guide each one of us to be empowered by the tongue of the flames and the strength of the rush of the wind to be guided to areas where we can help.

Each day we face so many different and difficult situations all over the world. Steer us to ease the turmoil, using our hands and your hands together.

Dear God we rejoice in the celebration of the birthday of our Uniting Church where three congregations became one united loving church family.

One of the discussions of the moment in our country is "the budget". May we consider creating our own personal budget by giving fairly of our time, talents, treasure and thoughts to others regardless of their colour, creed, culture or choice of living. Each time we share, may it be a deed of worship in the service of Christ.

Hear our prayer, as we offer it in His Name. Amen

Dear Lord, core of our being, we give thanks for the ability to help others and ourselves when raging waters touch our lives.

We seek help in building bridges to conquer these unruly times which come to all of us in our journey.

We cannot do it alone so we ask for strength to face the challenge. We use our faith as our foundation and loving care, understanding and the ability to really listen as helpful components to complete our bridge. Gracious God help us to stand and see the "water under the bridge" thus giving us an opportunity to forgive, forget and learn from every incident.

Thank you, for the many bridges that have been built for us, by us and for others, to conquer raging waters which we doubted our ability to cross. Help us to continue our bridge building wherever, whenever, however and as far and wide as possible and to include a high bridge to enable us to climb and to acclaim the special moments in our lives. We give you thanks for your continuing presence in our highs and in our lows in every step of our journey

At this time of the year we come to our Mother Church and ask for a blessing for all Mothers and for those who undertake that role while not necessarily the biological mother. We also acknowledge all the special people in our lives who have raised us up to more than we can be.

Help us to continue to build bridges over troubled waters as we serve in the name of Christ.

Amen

Ever present Lord, knowing we never travel alone.

One more step along the way we go in acknowledging the highs and lows of our yesterdays, today, and the times ahead. In these times we are given the opportunity to widen our horizons; to grow in faith, to share in fun, fellowship and friendship with those closest to us and to be together with others outside our comfort zone who need support.

Heal the spirits of those travelling on rough roads in life and grant them strength to scale the obstacles they have to overcome. Be with those who mourn in many different ways and for many different reasons.

Gracious God we look forward with joy to Sylvia and John becoming part of Burwood Heights.

Bless Sylvia in her new ministry and help all of us to support her so that we might minister in a spirit of togetherness. From the old we go into the new, enriched and strengthened each day through

Hear our words as in the name of Christ we pray. Amen

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Gracious God, we give thanks that we have been given so much in the wealth of life and love, faith, fellowship, friends, forgiveness, skills and strengths. Help us to extend that wealth as widely as possible by sharing it with family and friends, the sad and the sick, the lost and lonely, the homeless and the hungry, the disabled, the depressed, the tired and troubled, the carers and community, neighbours and the needy. Open our eyes and ears to see and hear of needs that we seem to overlook. Help us to give graciously knowing that only by giving of ourselves, without counting the cost, do we really show care. Strengthen our giving as we serve in the name of Christ.

Amen

Compassionate Lord, be with those who are finding the daily road a bit rough at the moment, those who are grieving and feeling sadness for many different reasons. Travel with them and give them strength. Comfort those who have special needs and strengthen all those who are in the caring and supportive role. God of serenity, help all of us to be still long enough to assess and deal with the challenges in the tomorrows ahead. God of who and what we are, help us to acknowledge our individuality, accept opinions which differ from ours, and yet live in a family of unity and understanding. Lord of all seasons, you are with us in our sleeping, in our waking, in our giving and in our taking, in our losses, in our gains, in our joys and in our pains. We offer our prayer in Christ's name. Amen.

Dear Lord, the core of our being, we bring you some of our concerns. When we sit in our comfortable chairs we seek a blessing for those confined to chairs on wheels. When we see the beauty around us and hear the sounds of everyday nature we seek sensitivity to those who are visually or hearing impaired. As we enjoy the freedom of a brisk walk, make us aware of those who need help in walking. As we talk with a loved one, we seek healing of the spirits of those who mourn. We seek a special blessing for the wonderful carers who give so much of themselves to enrich the life of someone who needs support. We seek a blessing for those who are walking a very difficult road because of health problems.

Help us to see beyond our own agendas and to be sensitive to others, whether friend or stranger, in need of some T.L.C. Take our lives and direct us in actions of worship as we serve in Christ's name.

Amen.