

Prayers Sunday 17 May 2020 Easter 6

Reading: Acts 17: 24-31, 1 Peter 3:8-17, John 14:15-21

The Sentence for today is from John 14:21

"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

The Prayer of the Day

Loving and gracious God, you have prepared joy beyond our understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, we will love you, respect you and turn to you above all else. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Let us say the Apostles Creed together: we are on Page 171 in the prayer book.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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The response to "Lord, in your mercy" Is "hear our prayer"

Father, we pray for the nations of the world at this time of Coronavirus recovery. We pray that with the ease of lockdown restrictions in Australia, new measures will be respected to ensure a safe return to work, and to a life we can share with our family and friends once again.

We pray for the USA, the UK and all countries that are still faced with so many lives lost, new infections and job losses.

Father, we pray for an outpouring of your healing and love to rid the world of this virus. Help us by your Spirit to live in love for you and to care for one another.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the activities of this church that have been on hold, that with the ease of restrictions, due care of ourselves and those around us, they may slowly be started up again.

We give you thanks and pray for the health workers, the doctors and nurses putting their own lives on the line to help those infected by the virus, and we pray for the families of those who have lost their lives.

We pray for others known to us who are in sorrow, need, sickness, awaiting surgery, or any other trouble.

Please protect with your loving care those we love; our families, friends and neighbours. Let your fatherly hand guide, shelter and strengthen them. Remove all anxious fears and doubts. Give us an increasing trust in you and fill our hearts and minds with your peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**