



National Council of Churches in Australia

Tuesday, 17 March 2020

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION, AMIDST COVID-19

Dear Church Leaders

Greetings of peace anew in Jesus' Holy name.

Can we offer a suggestion for our unified and unifying leadership at this time?

- Invite our people to offer prayer every evening until Easter at 19:00 hours
- Make a particular focus of Prayer for the Nations amidst COVID-19 on Sunday week, 29 March 2020

For some of us the very apt Gospel reading for that Sunday is from John 11, as Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life".

In the days ahead we will send some prayers, recognising you will all have many resources for such a purpose.

For the moment, we just wanted to put this suggestion to you. (The request for national prayers comes from senior leaders).

The plan is that our next NCCA Newsletter, on Friday 20 March, will include this call for prayer.

With prayers now

Bishop Philip Huggins
NCCA President

A PRAYER FOR EACH DAY AT 1900 Hours AND FOR SUNDAY 29 MARCH AS WE OFFER PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION, AMIDST COVID-19.

Gracious God,

We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.

We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas.

We pray for those in need of healing.

We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving.

We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response.

We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders.

We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable.

This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

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