

Prayers 28 Feb

IN RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE:

Our loving Lord and heavenly Father, we are humbled by the depths of Jesus' love for us and the surrender of his life to your sovereign hand. Father, it WASN'T your will to take the cup from him. He took the cup; drank your wrath. He saved us from our sin, so that we could be forgiven and be made right with you. Father, we are humbled, we are thrilled, we are thankful, we are grateful; we stand in awe. And we pray for grace this Easter, as it approaches, that as we reflect on what you've done for us, our love for you will grow all the more, and our lives wonderfully transformed into the people that you would have us be. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

JUSTICE FOR ABUSED PEOPLE

God of justice, hear our prayer for all who have been abused at any time in their lives. We have been confronted these past weeks, with young women abused in their workplace and older Australians abused in their care homes. And over the past years, we have been appalled at the news of those abused by clergy and church workers, in their homes, in our churches, in our schools and in children's homes. Lord, have mercy on us. In particular, have mercy on all who have been abused, and somehow, according to your wisdom and power, please intervene in their lives to bring the comfort and help and hope that they need. May anyone involved in abuse, be brought to justice and may we continue to ensure that such abuse cannot readily occur again. In our distress, please help us to rest in you, the God of all justice. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

OUR ANNUAL MEETING AND THE ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Gracious God, we pray for our church's annual meeting on 20th March. May it be a time of **thanksgiving** as we look back and recall how you have been at work among us. May it be a time of **hope** as we look forward to the future. And may it be a time of **wisdom** as we seek to appoint leaders among us who will put you first and serve us with skill and humility. As your church in this parish, may we be good and wise stewards of all that has been entrusted to us, especially the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

THOSE IN NEED:

Our loving Father, hear our prayer for all who are unwell today. We pray for those suffering constant pain which stops them doing what they'd love to be doing. We pray for those with chronic conditions or battling cancer. We think of those who are nearing the end of life. To all these our dear family and friends, please uphold them Lord and strengthen them to keep trusting you. Where it please you, please bring relief from symptoms or even precious permanent healing. Nothing Lord is too hard for you. Help us to be a blessing and encouragement to those who are finding life hard and to assure them of our love and care and prayer. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**