

## Prayers 14 Mar

### IN RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE:

Our Father, we are sobered by the reality of Jesus' resolute commitment to serve us in death; despite the fact that he was betrayed, and deserted, and that false testimony was made against him. We see clearly today that this One was proclaimed as Messiah and your Son. So we thank you for all that he went through for us, and pray Father that we might love and reverence him and stand in awe before him. As Easter approaches and we grapple with all that it meant for Jesus and all that it means for us, we pray that our lives might be transformed into the people you would have us be. Hear us Father, **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### CRISIS AMONG OUR LEADERS

Our great God and heavenly Father, King of kings and Ruler of rulers; hear our prayer for our governing authorities in a time of crisis. We pray for those of our leaders who are at this time in hospital or on medical leave as the burden of leadership takes its toll. Please bring healing and comfort to the Defence minister, the Attorney-General, the Premier of Victoria and for all in leadership who are struggling. Strengthen all members of the Royal Family and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth through trying times. May there be greater understanding and reconciliation in the Royal family in the future. And we ask for our local members and councillors, that they may have wisdom for their task and strength to meet all their responsibilities. Hear us Father, **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE SPREAD OF THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

Loving Lord, who offers us forgiveness and eternal life through the life, death and resurrection of your Son Jesus; we pray that this gracious offer might be made known right across central and western NSW. May we who have received this life, be bold to share the news with others. May our clergy and lay ministers equip and inspire us to live faithful, godly lives *and* to share our story of forgiveness with others. We pray this so that more and more people may find the hope, help and peace for which they long. Hear us Father, **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THOSE IN NEED:

Gracious God, we find it hard sometimes when people we know and love are struggling, especially when we feel unable to help. So today we pray for \_\_\_\_\_.

Please be very close to them. Give them grace to keep trusting you. Where it is your will, please heal and restore them. Bless and guide those who care for them, that they might be well looked after and given all the help they need. May they know of our love, and care, and prayers. Hear us Father, **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**