

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us pray to the Lord, King of all things on earth and in heaven, responding to “Lord, in your mercy” with “Hear our prayer”.

Grant that the church always rejoice in you, her heavenly King. Make all your people true priests to serve for your greater glory, to inherit a kingdom that is not of this world. [PAUSE]

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

Bless those who rule the nations and all who have authority over others, especially today we pray for Justin our Prime Minister, Doug our Premier, Drew our mayor and the council with which he serves. Bless also, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and her consort Prince Phillip as they celebrate their 73<sup>rd</sup> wedding Anniversary this week. Make them know that true Kingship is yours alone. Grant them wisdom in governing, so that justice and peace may everywhere prevail.

[PAUSE]

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

Give us grace to witness for the truth to all those among whom we live and work. Grant us the courage to share our faith with those with whom we work, play and live. Protect in your love our families and friends and deliver them from evil.

[PAUSE]

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

Have mercy on all who have fallen into the power of cruel and unjust authority, especially remember people who are fleeing barbarism and violence. Give them courage and patience in their suffering, and guidance to answer when they are falsely accused. [PAUSE]

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

May the saving power of Christ, the first-begotten from the dead, bring the faithful departed to eternal life. Grant them the vision of glory which no mortal eye can fully see. [PAUSE]

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

Obedient to Christ, our heavenly King, we pray in his most holy name. AMEN.