

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
EASTER 5 28 APRIL, 2024

L Jesus said, ‘If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.’ Let us pray.

Each petition will conclude: For your amazing love,
Congregation Response: **we praise you, Lord.**

Petitions

Lord of the Church, we praise you that through your death and resurrection we now are part of your family, your church on earth. Help us to live as your holy people as we abide in you and you in us. Empower us through your Word to proclaim this Good News boldly to a godless world and, like Philip, to encourage them and help them understand all that you have done for us.

For your amazing love, **we praise you, Lord.**

Help us remain connected to you, loving Saviour, the true vine, as we live out our faith, showing love in all we say and do, bearing the fruit that comes from you. Bless the ministries that our congregation is involved in, as we support each other. Thank you for giftedness of each one; help us to remain faithful in all areas of our lives by abiding in you, gracious Lord. Let all we do be done to your glory.

For your amazing love, **we praise you, Lord.**

Loving Father, Lord of the harvest, we pray today for all who are involved in the production of our food. As another seedtime is about to begin, we look to you for suitable weather conditions to help the crops grow and flourish and produce food not only for people across our nation but also overseas. Help each worker to see their value to the community, called by you to serve others faithfully.

For your amazing love, **we praise you, Lord.**

As we abide in your Word, we thank you for the opportunities offered to our young adults through the Growing in Christ program. Guide each young mind and heart to treasure this time as they grow in their faith, and love and support each other. Give wisdom and understanding to Pastor Hans and Lynda and let your loving presence be with them as they accept this responsibility of leadership.

For your amazing love, **we praise you, Lord.**

Loving God, give us compassionate hearts as we lift up to you all who are grieving in our church family – grieving because of death, separation, loss or debilitating illness. We know that because we are part of a broken world we will suffer at some time. Be with the Grosser and Stewart families as they mourn the loss of their loved one. Gather them into your loving arms and bring comfort and peace to their troubled hearts, always thankful for the faith that carried them to you.

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Jesus, the Good Shepherd, keep all your baptised children close to you. Be with their parents and other carers as they nurture them in their faith. Help us as a congregation to value each one of these precious people, love them and encourage them in their faith journey. We pray especially for Michael and Elsbeth, that they along with their family and godparents, will abide in your love. Keep Percival close to you and let him always be a blessing to his family.

For your amazing love, **we praise you, Lord.**

Concluding prayer

L Thank you Father that you hear us and care for us in all our needs. Open our eyes that we may see you in your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**