

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**  
**PALM SUNDAY      24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

L      Let's pray in the name of Jesus for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs.

*Each petition will conclude:*      Lord in your mercy,  
*Congregation response:* **hear our prayer.**

Petitions

Lord God Almighty,

As our focus shifts from Lent into Holy Week remind us again of the difficult road your precious Son travelled in the lead up to his ultimate sacrifice on the cross. He knew what was coming and yet he chose to continue to boldly teach all those who would listen in order to prepare them for what was to come. Lead all congregations of all denominations to focus on each step Jesus experienced through our extra services of specific focus this coming week.

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

God and creator of the universe,

This week we as a Christian community celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. He portrayed himself as a humble king riding on a donkey rather than a majestic horse to show the type of king he was; humble and caring; an accessible king for all people worldwide. His kingdom is not just of this world but also of the heavenly realm. We give you praise Heavenly Father for this insight into who your Son really is. May our celebrations and those in all churches throughout the world today be to your glory and be a clear witness to the type of King your Son is.

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

Gracious Lord,

The school term is drawing to a close for all teachers and students throughout Horsham. It has been a short but busy term especially for the Foundation students who have just begun their school journey. Everyone involved in school life will be feeling weary. We pray you will be with them all but especially with our Holy Trinity Lutheran College and their leader Jason Przibilla enabling them to make a good finish to the term.

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

Loving and all caring God,

It is a great privilege to be part of your family. We give you thanks and praise for the life of Tilly Rae Bennett and for her parents Ryan and Stephanie who brought their daughter to be baptised here today. We ask that you will always surround Tilly with Christian role models who will remind her of you and who you are; a precious child who is dearly loved by her heavenly Father. Holy Spirit grow her faith and that of her parents ever stronger so that they will enjoy a heavenly home with you one day.

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

All knowing God and Lord,

It must hurt you to see how your people treat each other with hatred, disrespect and violence. We bring the Haiti community before you today with a heavy heart as they are experiencing fear and brutality. We ask that you bring stability back into this country by providing a strong government who is able to control the violent gangs who are wreaking havoc on civilians bringing the whole country to its knees. Enable aid agencies to be allowed to enter the country in order to bring much needed food and medical aid in. Loving God, we know that things that seem impossible to us can be done with just a word from you. May your will be done in this country and all war-torn countries this day. Bring peace and your precious Word to the poor and vulnerable so that they can once again feel hope and safety.

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

#### Concluding prayer

L      Father, your Son Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient even to the point of death. May we find salvation in His obedient love, walk the way of the cross with Him, and come with Him to the resurrection. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C      **Amen.**