



# ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN

SEEKING GOD | SERVING OTHERS | GROWING TOGETHER

**Prayer Diary**



# DAILY PRAYER AND REFLECTION

## FOR MEMBERS OF ALL SAINTS

### **Saving God,**

inspire us with the vision of your Kingdom coming

And your will being done,

On earth as in heaven;

and strengthen us

That we will be faithful and persevering,

So that Your church might be a joyful sign

of your amazing love for all;

This we pray in the name of your Son, and through the power of the Holy Spirit within us.

**Amen.**

### **Gracious and Sustaining God,**

Pour down your Spirit on your Church and All Saints Parish,

grant us a new vision of your glory,

a new experience of your power,

a new faithfulness to your Word,

a new consecration to your service,

a new generosity with your provision,

a new solidarity with the poor,

that through our renewed witness to those we know,

your holy name may be glorified

And your Kingdom discerned amongst us:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **God of mercy and grace,**

Look with favour On All Saints Parish.

Help us to Seek You, Serve Others and Grow Together.

Send us your Spirit

So we will trust You

Send us Your power

so we may serve you.

Make us ready to be changed by You,

and to be witnesses of Your love for us

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF ALL SAINTS

## *Seven marks of a healthy church*

**Mark 1:** *energised by faith, rather than just keeping things going or trying to survive. Pray that All Saints moves people to experience God's love through worship and sacramental life.*

Pray that All Saints' energy and motivation that it comes from a desire to serve God and one another.

Pray that All Saints engages with Scripture in creative ways that connect with life.

Pray that All Saints nurtures faith in Christ and helps people to grow in, and share, their faith.

**Mark 2:** *outward-looking focus, with a 'whole life' rather than 'church life' concern. Pray that All Saints would be deeply rooted in the local community, working in particular with other denominations, faiths, secular groups and networks.*

Pray that All Saints would be passionate and prophetic about justice and peace, locally and globally.

Pray that All Saints would make connections between faith and daily living.

Pray that All Saints would respond to human need by loving service.

**Mark 3:** *seeks to find out what God wants, discerning the Spirit's leading rather than trying to please everyone.*

Pray for vocation, that All Saints seeks to explore what God wants us to be and do.

Pray for vision, that All Saints develops and communicates a shared sense of where we are going.

Pray for mission priorities, that All Saints consciously sets both immediate and long term goals.

Pray that All Saints is able to call for, and make, sacrifices, personal and corporate, in bringing about vocation, vision and mission priorities and living out the faith.

**Mark 4:** *faces the cost of change and growth, rather than resisting and fearing failure.*

Pray that while embracing the past, All Saints dares to take on new ways of doing things.

Pray that All Saints takes risks, admitting when things are not working and learning from the experience.

Pray that All Saints cries, that it responds creatively to challenges that face the church and community.

Pray that positive experiences of change, however small, are affirmed and built on.

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**Mark 5:** *operates as a community, rather than functioning as a club or religious organisation.*

Pray that relationships are nurtured, especially through small groups, so people feel accepted and are helped to grow in faith and service.

Pray for leadership, both lay and ordained, as they work as a team to develop locally appropriate expressions of all seven marks of a healthy church.

Pray for lay ministry, that the different gifts, experiences and faith journeys of all are valued and given expression in and beyond the life of the church.

**Mark 6:** *makes room for all, being inclusive rather than exclusive.*

Pray for All Saints' welcome, that it works to include newcomers into the life of the church.

Pray for the children and young people, that they are helped to belong, contribute and be nurtured in their faith.

Pray for enquirers, that they are encouraged to explore and experience faith in Christ.  
Pray for diversities, that All Saints sees different social and ethnic backgrounds, mental and physical abilities, and ages as a strength.

**Mark 7:** *does a few things and does them well, focused rather than frenetic.*

Pray that All Saints does the basics well, especially public worship, pastoral care, stewardship and administration.

Pray that services that mark significant life events such as baptism, marriage, funerals, and confirmation make sense of life and communicate faith.

Pray for All Saints to be good news as a church in its attitudes and ways of working.

Pray for All Saints to enjoy what it does and is relaxed about what is not being done.

# PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR

**Day 1:** Pray for them as pastor, bringing the love of Jesus to those around them, shepherding All Saints members.

**Day 2:** Pray for their leadership role, seeking future vision, leading All Saints into that vision, encouraging and enabling All Saints members in ministry, mission and community.

Pray for leaders to have the will and the skill to clarify a vision, connect people to that vision, identify people's individual roles in accomplishing that vision, while attending to their needs and developing them as people of faith.

**Day 3:** Pray for their preaching ministry that they would hear, believe and proclaim God's word faithfully and effectively.

**Day 4:** Pray for their personal life, for relaxation and renewal, to navigate the pressures and stress of ministry.

Pray for their relationships with those who are close to them, wife/husband, children, mother/father.

**Day 5:** Pray for them as they lead worship and in their roles as church leader, particularly their relationships with church members, and any relationships that are difficult at this time.

## PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

**Pray** for Rev'd Brett Watterson, Rev'd Anne Lye, Rev'd Kyle Taylor, Rev'd Lissy Vittali-Ross,

**Wardens:** Jim Cooper and Val Morris, **Treasurer:** Sally Taylor, **Secretary:** Chris Palmer, **Mission Secretary:** Paula Falzon, and **Council members** Tonya Trott, and John Nell, as they oversee the stewardship, finances, buildings and administration of the parish to ensure that its day to day responsibilities are fulfilled.

Pray for members of Parish Council as they assist the incumbent in the ministry and mission of All Saints parish.

# PRAY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

That they and their families will know and love God

God our Father, You see Your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world. Show them that Your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following You is better than chasing after selfish goals.

Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start.

Give them strength to hold their faith in You, and to keep alive their joy in your creation.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **God of love,**

As your children, diverse and yet all drawn by your love, we ask that you may ignite in us a passion to see teenagers become disciples.

Help us to serve those known to us,  
Connect with those not yet known,  
And provide your hospitality to those  
Who seek you in our communities,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. **Amen.**