



**uniting church**  
Tuggeranong Congregation

## **Prayer Resources**

**A guide to people preparing  
Prayers of the People**

## **Models for those wanting to write their own prayers**

### **Model 1**

#### **Stepping from the wide picture to ourselves**

1. Church: local, national, world wide – specific needs that are known; or particular hopes and dreams
2. World: Issues that are really important, not only the safe ones we trot out each week. What is happening on the news or in the newspapers? Where are the wars and the real struggles in society?
3. Community: What is happening on the local scene? What are the homeless, jobless and young people needing? Is the crime/vandalism rate high? What is happening with unemployment?
4. The suffering: While it is good to be specific, we cannot pray for people by name without their permission. Whether we like it or not, our world has changed and issues of privacy will not go away because we find them an inconvenience. If you have not asked permission, do not mention anyone by name.
5. Those who have died and their families. Such people are to be remembered with thanks and their families prayed for as they come to term with loss and grief. Alternatively, pray for ourselves and our needs to follow in the way of Jesus.

## **Model 2**

### **Decreasing circles of prayer**

1. Creation and environment – the international scene
2. Nations in need – war-torn, oppressed, oppressive
3. Local community – local issues; schools, community groups, service clubs; users of the church hall – remember to be specific
4. Individual needs – give thanks for the good things happening within the church family as well as particular needs; upcoming events – just make sure you are praying these things and not reciting the notices.

## **Model 3**

### **The five marks of mission**

To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom – pray for any form of outreach your church is involved in locally, nationally or internationally.

To teach, baptise, and nurture new believers – praying for people who are finding their way into faith; for a culture of encouragement and faith sharing in your church

To respond to human need by loving service – Pray for Christian Aid, TEAR, and other agencies; for local initiatives to being practical assistance with compassion rather than judgement or charity.

To seek to transform unjust structures in society – For church leaders to speak up; pray for organisations seeking justice; for political leaders who are committed Christians in action as well as word.

To safeguard the integrity of creation – pray for creation that we won't exploit resources; that we will be wise in our conservation of God's earth.

### **Prayer Resources**

- Let us Pray Janet Nelson
- Be Our Freedom Lord Terry C Falla
- Bruce Prewer various collections and online
- Dorothy McRae McMahon – various publications
- Wild Goose Resources
- World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle “All God's People” – online and there is a copy at TUC.
- Spill the Beans available through TUC online resources
- Uniting in Worship 2 - available through TUC online resources