#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for JUNE 9, 2019

Holy and Gracious God, we give You thanks for the gift of life, for the gift of your Son our Redeemer, for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We give thanks for the beauty of spring, the promise of fields and gardens, the joy of birdsong and BBQ's with loved ones where laughter rings.

We give thanks for the ways You are at work

in our world, in our church, in our communities, in our lives.

You work in the smallest of opportunities, people, moments, and methods.

You work in us, and You even work through us. Thank You, Lord Jesus!

We face many big things and often feel so small. Remind us that today, always, we can trust Your power, and come to You in prayer.

# & LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

Lead Your people through the trials, the suffering and sorrow, the challenges and struggles, the tired times and dark places.

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We pray for the world around us; for nations, for governments, for those at war and those praying for peace, for refugees who are running, waiting, hoping; for those who long for a school, a doctor, a safe place, a fresh start.

# & LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

We pray families who have lost loved ones in recent days;

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in North Korea where persecution is a fact of life;

we pray for the families of murdered and missing indigenous women and girls, bring comfort, bring peace, bring healing, bring compassion, we pray, and end senseless acts of violence and evil.



### & LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

We pray for those whose names and needs we know, and those only You know. Be with those who weep or cannot sleep; who have no peace, who seek release. Be with those who struggle with sickness in body, mind or spirit; protect those who trying to love and help, and those who are trying their best to cope.

### & LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

We pray for the church in all the world, for young churches and old churches, small churches and large churches, weak churches and strong churches.

Grant to Your church, this church, true humility where there is pride, unity where there is division.

Grant to Your Church, and to this church, truth where there is error and wisdom where there is foolishness, clear focus where there is distraction, courage where there is fear. that you might fulfill your purposes for Your Church all over the world.

### & LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

We pray for ourselves, as well; for we stand in need of Your help and deeper faith.

Redeem us with Your grace, with Your love, with Your peace.
Fill us with hope, with gratitude, and with humility.
Transform us in your image, to be like your Son, and honour your Name Transform us to grow, to understand, to see.
Transform us that we can be made whole and in the grace of that holy wholeness, may we be the hands and feet and heart and voice of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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in the powerful name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.